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『王子さまとデート』でデビュー。
『真コール！』で第37回小学館漫画賞を受賞。
代表作に『シルバー』『ライジング！』『風に訊け』など。
現在『女性セブン』『Judy』で活躍中。

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N.Yに戻ったブロンテは、自分と同じ顔のスーパーモデル・ミスチーフの身代わりとして生きることを選んだ。愛するマーズとも再会、そしてミスチーフの夫であることを知りながらも、高まる想いは抑えられず、再び体を重ねてしまう。
一方、その裏でミスチーフは新たな罠を用意していた。
彼女は自分を狙う暗殺者が待つパーティー会場に、替え玉としてブロンテを向かわせたのだ――!!

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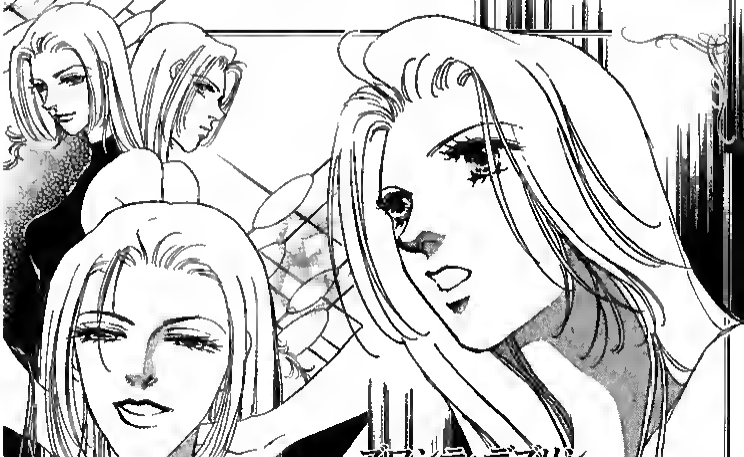

ブロンテ・デブリン
交通事故で顔に傷を負い、形成外科医ウェブスターの手で、自分を捨てた母と同じ顔にされてしまう。

ミスチーフ・ジョーンズ
〔シャンタル・ウェスト〕
行方不明だったマーズの妻。整形されたブロンテと同じ顔を持ち、スーパーモデルとして活躍している。

3巻までのあらすじ

結婚式当日、花婿に逃げられ、教会を飛び出したブロンテは、金色の瞳の男マーズに出会い、心を通わせる。しかし同日、彼は、妻の浮気相手殺害容疑で逮捕されてしまう。

――事件から5年。ブロンテは、真犯人の出現で罪の晴れたマーズと再会するが、直後、交通事故に遭い、天才形成外科医ウェブスターの手で、自分を捨てた実母と同じ顔に整形されてしまう。顔を変えられたブロンテを、妻ミスチーフだと思い、実家に連れ戻したマーズは、そこで明かされた事件の真相に傷つく。ブロンテは彼に自らの体を重ね、癒す。

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ゴールド④人物紹介

マーズ・ウェスト

名門ホテル、ザ・ウェストのオーナー代理であり、オーナーの娘ジャクリンの夫。

グレイ・リー

ミスチーフのチーフマネージャー。ブロンテがミスチーフの身代わりをしていることを知る数少ない人物。

ガース・ブラウン

マーズの異母兄弟。ハリウッドの映画スター。

NYに戻り、顔を元に戻せないと悟ったブロンテは、ミスチーフの身代わりとなることを決意、マーズと再会を果たす。互いの想いを確かめ合ったふたりは、再び結ばれる。そんな彼女をミスチーフは、自分の替え玉として殺させるため、脅迫者の待つパーティー会場へと向かわせた――

HENRI SOREL
"for the one"
HENRI SOREL reception for opening ceremony in N.Y.
MAY I CONFIRM YOUR INVITATION?
PLEASE PASS THIS WAY

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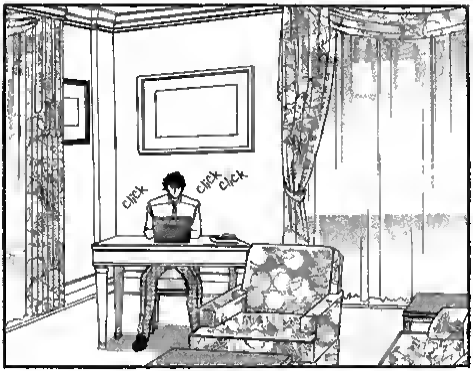
THOUGH I WONDER WHY SHE NEEDS A SUBSTITUTE
—I'M NOT SURE MYSELF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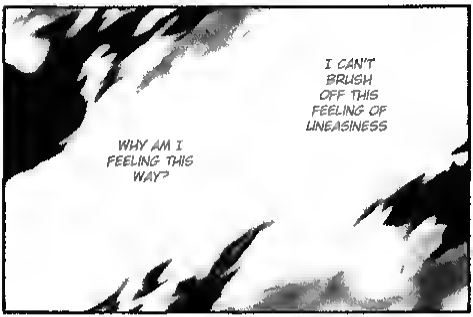
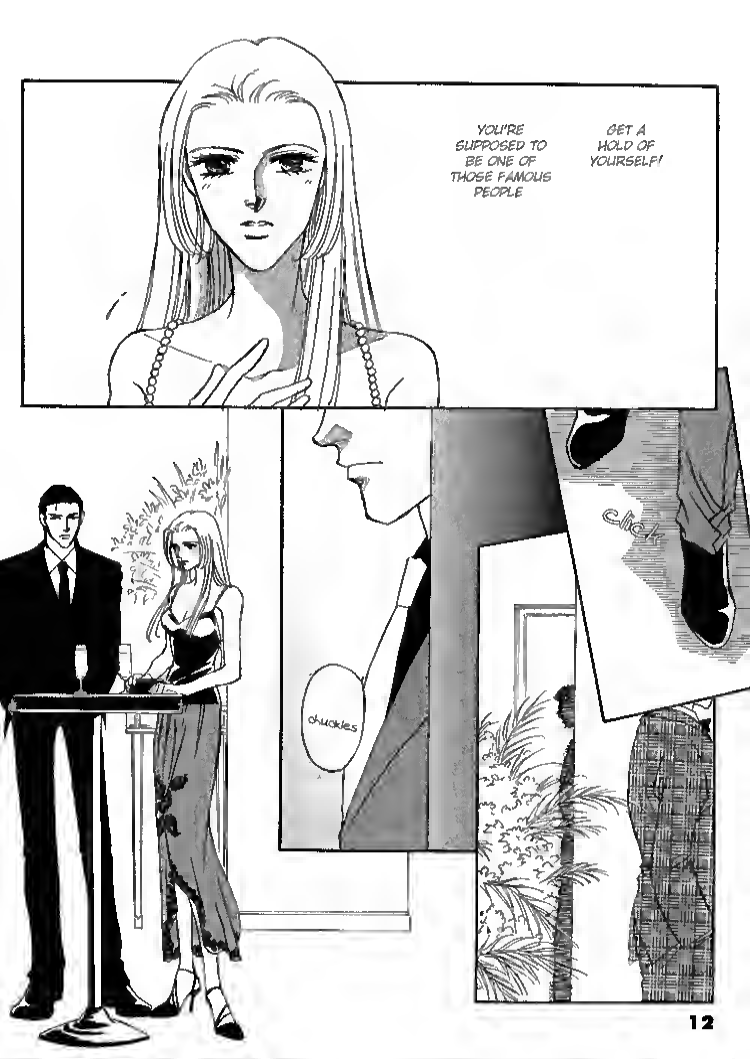
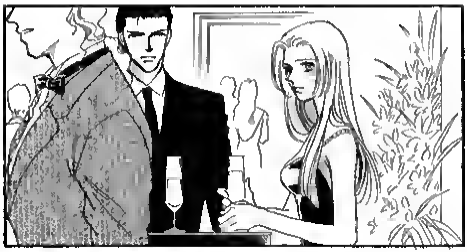
CLICK
CLICK

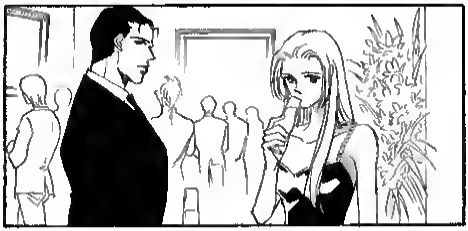

I CAN'T BRUSH OFF THIS FEELING OF UNEASINESS
WHY AM I FEELING THIS WAY?

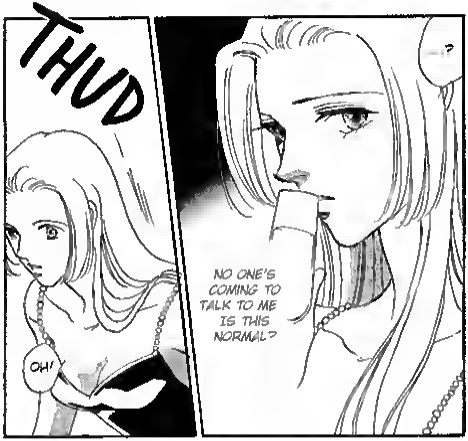
WHAT IS THAT REASON?
BRONTE SAID THAT THERE'S A REASON WHY MISCHIEF JONES NEEDS A SUBSTITUTE
I NEED AN INVITATION FOR THE GRAND OPENING PARTY OF A BRAND BOUTIQUE THAT'S BEING HELD TODAY
click
DAMN-IT!
THIS IS MARS,
THERE'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE YOU TO READY FOR ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

WOW, WHAT A MAGNIFICENT DECOR!
THERE ARE SO MANY FAMOUS PEOPLE!
THERE ARE FAMOUS PRESENTERS,
ACTORS,
AND ARTISTS...


YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE ONE OF THOSE FAMOUS PEOPLE
GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF!
chuckles
click



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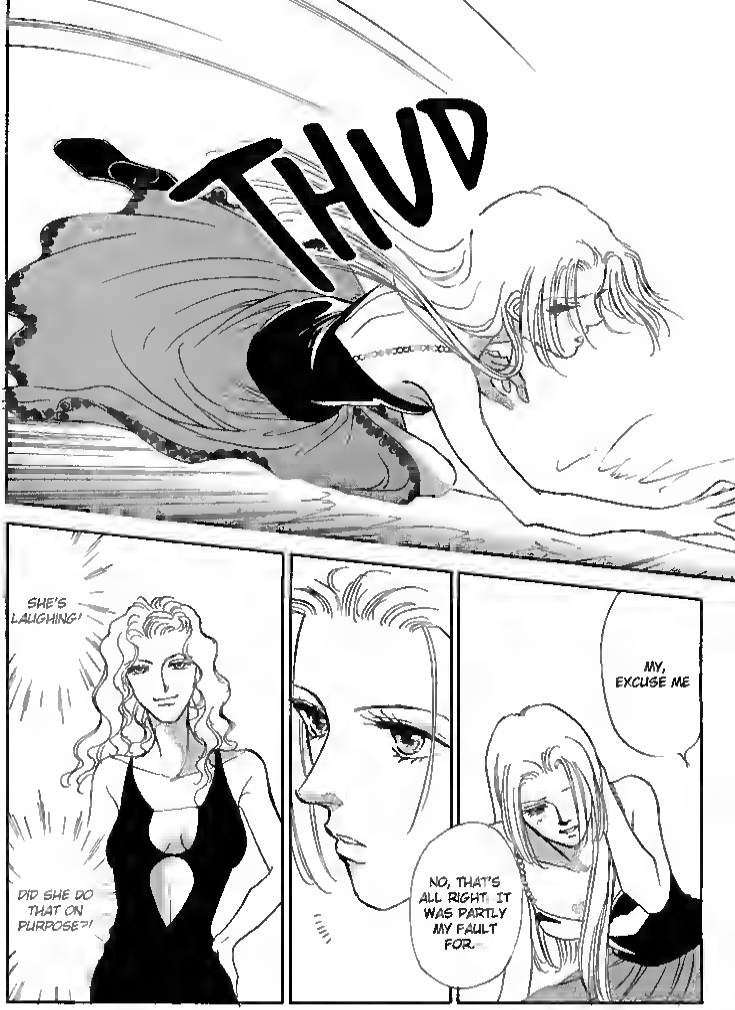
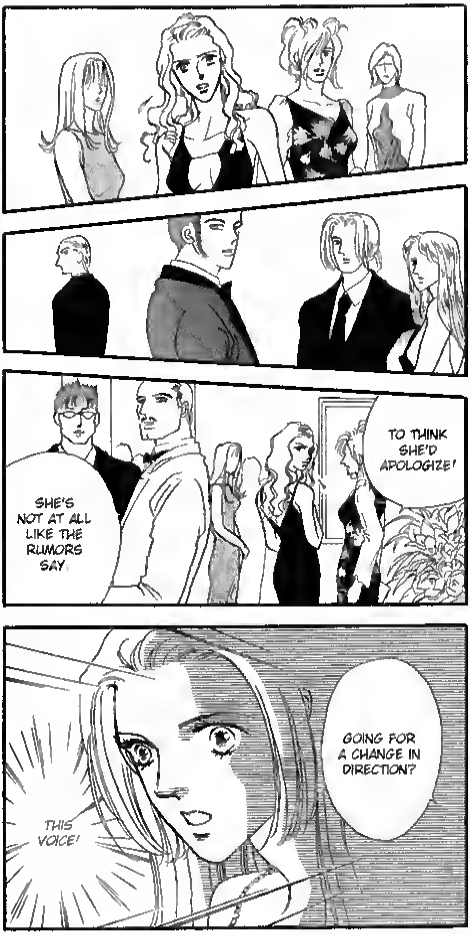
OH!
NO ONE'S COMING TO TALK TO ME IS THIS NORMAL?
?


THUD
MY, EXCUSE ME
NO, THAT'S ALL RIGHT. IT WAS PARTLY MY FAULT FOR...
SHE'S LAUGHING!
DID SHE DO THAT ON PURPOSE?!

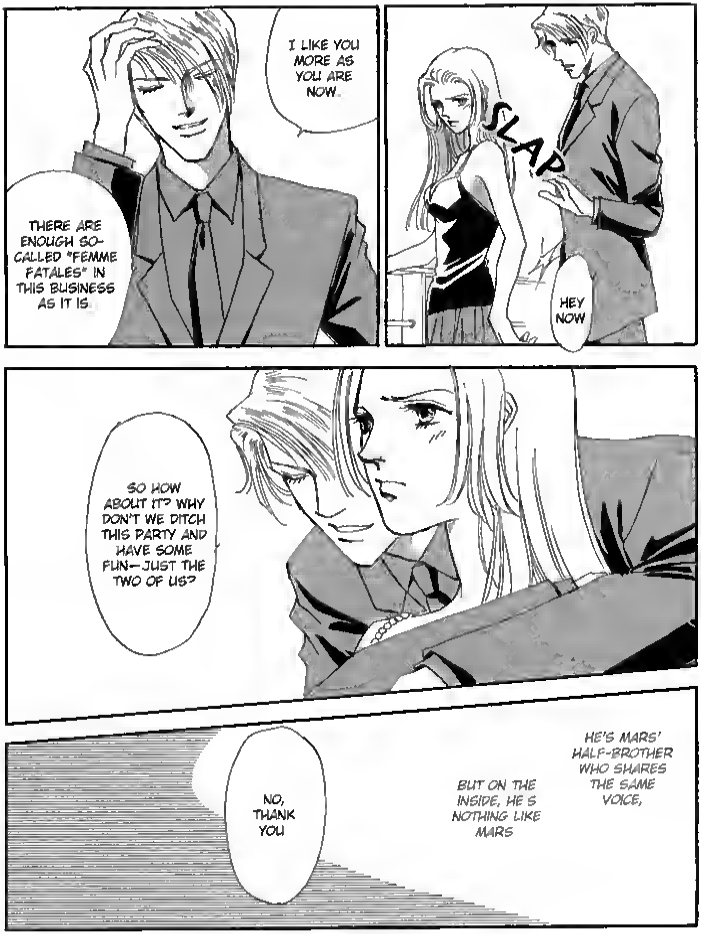
AND THE REST ARE IGNORING THAT THIS IS EVEN HAPPENING
THE WOMEN ARE ALL LAUGHING,
-OH, SO THAT'S WHY
THEY MUST HATE MISCHIEF JONES
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
MURMUR
THEY'RE THE MODELS SHE WORKS WITH.

YOU ACHIEVED SUCCESS THROUGH CHANGING YOUR NAME AND FACE.
BUT THIS IS THE REALITY THAT YOU HAVE TO DEAL WITH.

I'M SORRY TO MAKE SUCH A SCENE
HOW SAD


TO THINK SHE'D APOLOGIZE!
SHE'S NOT AT ALL LIKE THE RUMORS SAY.
GOING FOR A CHANGE IN DIRECTION?
THIS VOICE!

GUS BROWN!
HEY,
MA-
OH
WHAT YOU DID JUST NOW IS INTERESTING
DON'T BE SILLY THERE'S NO WAY MARS WOULD BE HERE
WHAT HAPPENED JUST NOW-AND THE OTHER DAY TOO,
YOU'RE NOT AT ALL AS THEY SAY YOU ARE
WHICH IS THE REAL YOU?
AH
touch


I LIKE YOU MORE AS YOU ARE NOW.
THERE ARE ENOUGH SO-CALLED "FEMME FATALES" IN THIS BUSINESS AS IT IS.
SLAP
HEY NOW
SO HOW ABOUT IT? WHY DON'T WE DITCH THIS PARTY AND HAVE SOME FUN—JUST THE TWO OF US?
NO, THANK YOU
BUT ON THE INSIDE, HE'S NOTHING LIKE MARS
HE'S MARS' HALF-BROTHER WHO SHARES THE SAME VOICE,

GRAY,
I'M TIRED, DO YOU MIND IF I LEAVE?
NO, SURE
HUH.
I JUST NEED TO STOP BY THE LADIES' ROOM,
YOU CAN GO BACK TO THE CAR FIRST.
click

Chan
...!
Ishouyo

YOU NEED AN INVITATION TO ENTER!
THIS FEELING OF UNEASINESS IS STRENGTHENING!
SLAM
THERE'S SOMETHING YELLING FROM SOMEWHERE WITHIN ME,
THAT TELLS ME BRONTE'S IN DANGER!

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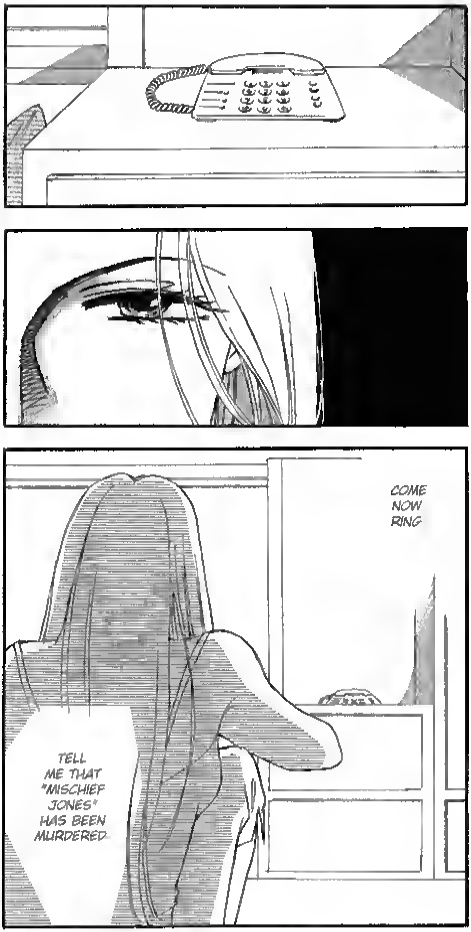
AH...
›EXIT‹
›EXI
drags

wheeze
wheeze
EXIT
SLAM
noise noise
WHERE'S BRONTE?!
WHAT A CROWD!

IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, HE'S...
YO! THERE!
YOU'RE MISCHIEF JONES' MANAGER, AREN'T YOU?
WHERE'S BRONT—I MEAN, MISCHIEF?!

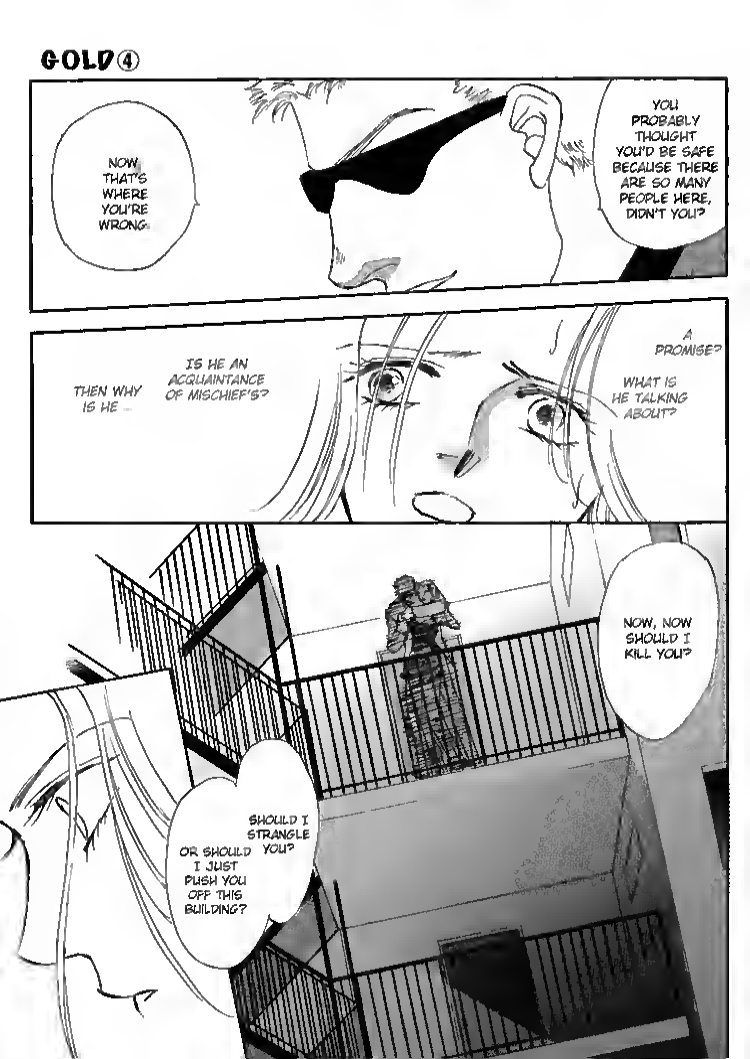
YOU KNOW
BRONTE?
AND YOU ARE?
DID YOU LEAVE HER ALONE?
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO TALK!
BRONTE!


COME NOW RING
TELL ME THAT "MISCHIEF JONES" HAS BEEN MURDERED

THE PERSON WHO'S BEEN THREATENING ME—
I CAN THINK OF SO MANY PEOPLE WHO HOLD A GRUDGE AGAINST ME THAT I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO IDENTIFY HIM
BUT I'VE GOT THE UPPER HAND
WHO YOU HAVE IN YOUR HANDS IS NOTHING MORE THAN A DECOY.
A FEMALE WOMAN WHO MUST BE THE SOLE OF "MISCHIEF ONES"

THAT'S WHEN I CAN RESET MY LIFE AGAIN
Chuckles
Hehe
JUST LIKE FIVE YEARS AGO WHEN I TRANSFORMED MYSELF FROM CHANTAL WEST TO MISCHIEF JONES
WHOEVER SAID YOU ONLY LIVE ONCE OBVIOUSLY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT
Ha ha ha ha

›EXIT‹
...!
W-WHAT'S GOING ON ?!
WHY IS HE
TO THINK YOU'D SHOW UP LIKE YOU PROMISED—YOU HAVE GUTS, I'LL GIVE YOU THAT


YOU PROBABLY THOUGHT YOU'D BE SAFE BECAUSE THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE HERE, DIDN'T YOU?
NOW, THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG.
A PROMISE?
WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT?
IS HE AN ACQUAINTANCE OF MISCHIEF'S?
THEN WHY IS HE...
NOW, NOW SHOULD I KILL YOU?
SHOULD I STRANGLE YOU?
OR SHOULD I JUST PUSH YOU OFF THIS BUILDING?

NO...!
...!
LET ME GO!
PLEASE SOMEBODY ANYONE HELP ME!

MARS!
Thump
CALM DOWN. THINK!
WHERE WOULD BE A BLIND SPOT
AT A PARTY LIKE THIS WITH SO MANY PEOPLE?!
—WHERE?!
WHERE ARE YOU?!
BRONTE!

I JUST HAVE TO GO AT IT ONE ROOM AT A TIME!
THE VIP REST ROOM!
HI, GLIS
ARE YOU FREE TONIGHT?
HI, OH, YOU'RE —?
IT'S BRENDA.
OF COURSE THAT'S RIGHT—
SORRY, I'VE ALREADY GOT SOMETHING PLANNED.
—GEEZ

TO THINK I'D GET SO WORKED UP OVER SOMEONE I'VE ONLY MET A HANDFUL OF TIMES
THERE MUST BE SOMETHING WRONG WITH ME.
SHE'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM THE WAY THE RUMORS PORTRAY HER—
MISCHIEF JONES.
WELL, IT'S TRUE SHE HAS ONE HELL OF A BODY THOUGH
—NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I THINK I SAW HER HEADING TO THE REST ROOM

EXIT
GUS BROWN...
MARS...

HUH...
TO THINK I'D RUN INTO YOU HERE OF ALL PLACES
YOU'VE MADE QUITE A NAME FOR YOURSELF THEN, I GUESS, TO BE INVITED TO A PLACE LIKE THIS.
DAMNIT, WHY DO I HAVE TO RUN INTO HIM OF ALL PEOPLE?

YOU LOOK WELL, AS ALWAYS, BROTHER.
SORRY, BUT I HAVE SOMETHING I HAVE TO DO—
DON'T CALL ME THAT!
I DON'T HAVE A BROTHER WHO'S THE SON OF A PROSTITUTE.
EVEN IF FATHER ACCEPTS YOU, I NEVER WILL.

IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, GUS BROWN,
I'M IN A HURRY—
KYAAAA
Tshouya

Nooooo!
WHERE IS THAT COMING FROM?!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
THIS IS HERS—

SO THEY'RE OUTSIDE?!
SLAM!

BRONTE!

swing

Cough
AH...

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M-
MARS
?

MARS...!
"EVERYTHING'S GOING TO BE OKAY.

COME HERE!
drop
drop

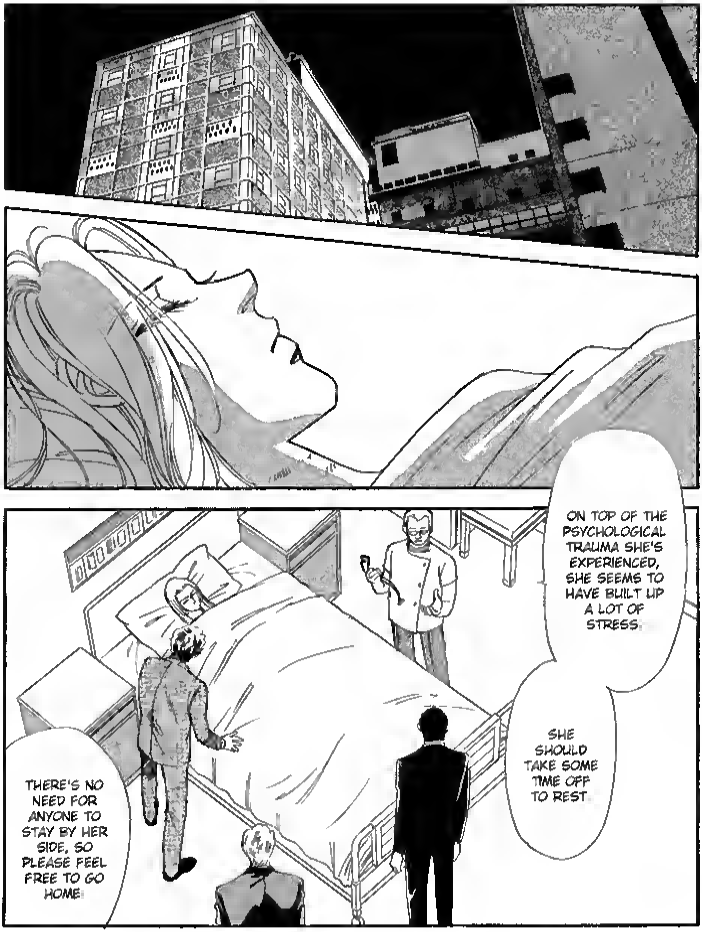
MARS...!

clank
clank
I WON'T BE ABLE TO CATCH UP TO HIM.
THAT FACE IS—

IS SHE OKAY?
YEAH SHE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE HURT ANYWHERE
SHE S JUST PASSED OUT FROM THE SHOCK
YOU ALMOST FELL RIGHT ALONG WITH HER.
SHE MUST BE REALLY IMPORTANT TO YOU FOR YOU TO RISK YOUR OWN LIFE TO SAVE HER.

...
YOU AND MISCHIEF JONES, HUH?
IS "BRONTE" HER REAL NAME?
YOU COULD SAY THAT
I'M HER MANAGER, GRAY
PLEASE KEEP THIS A HUSHED MATTER.

THANK YOU.
I KNOW.
I CALLED THE AMBULANCE BUT I LAID OFF THE POLICE.
HUH—
ambulance siren


ON TOP OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAUMA SHE'S EXPERIENCED, SHE SEEMS TO HAVE BUILT UP A LOT OF STRESS.
SHE SHOULD TAKE SOME TIME OFF TO REST.
THERE'S NO NEED FOR ANYONE TO STAY BY HER SIDE, SO PLEASE FEEL FREE TO GO HOME.

MARS
HAVE YOU KNOWN MISCHIEF FOR A LONG TIME?
NO, NOT REALLY.
THE LAST TIME I HEARD-
YOU WERE MARRIED, WEREN'T YOU?

click
YEAH—
SHE'S BEEN MISSING FOR FIVE YEARS THOUGH
IS THAT RIGHT?

ONCE BRONTE WAKES UP, I'D LIKE YOU TO LEAVE HER TO ME.
WHY?
GRAY.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "WHY"?!
IT'S BECAUSE SHE'S NOT SAFE WITH YOU, THAT'S WHY!
WHO WAS HE? WHY WAS SHE ATTACKED?
WHY IS MISCHIEF IN NEED OF A DECOY?

YOU KNOW EVERYTHING... DON'T YOU?
...
YOU'RE MARS WEST, CHANTAL WEST'S HUSBAND, AREN'T YOU?
YES. I AM.

DO YOU LOVE BRONTE DEBLIN?
IF I DIDN'T MANAGE TO CATCH HER IN TIME
—THAT TIME
—YES,
I DO

tense
squeeze
—NO

I WOULD'VE CAUGHT HER, NO MATTER WHAT. EVEN IF IT MEANT FALLING WITH HER.

IF YOU CALL THIS FEELING LOVE,

—THEN THAT'S RIGHT,

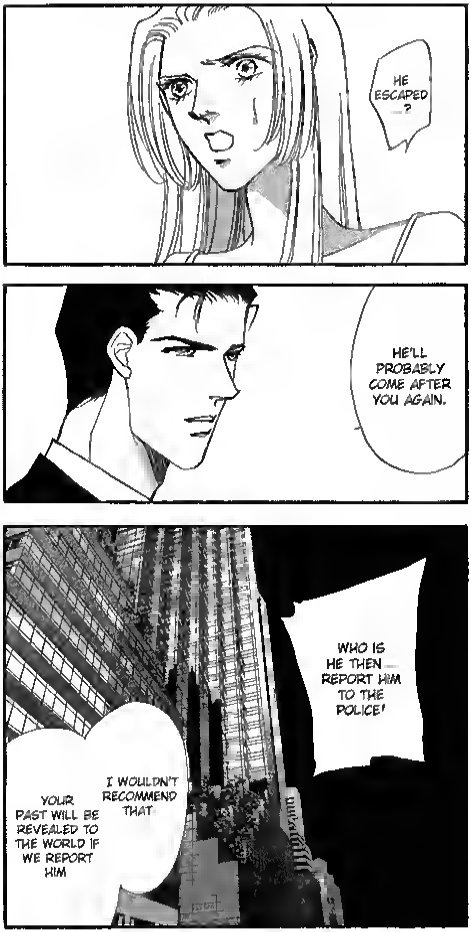
I LOVE

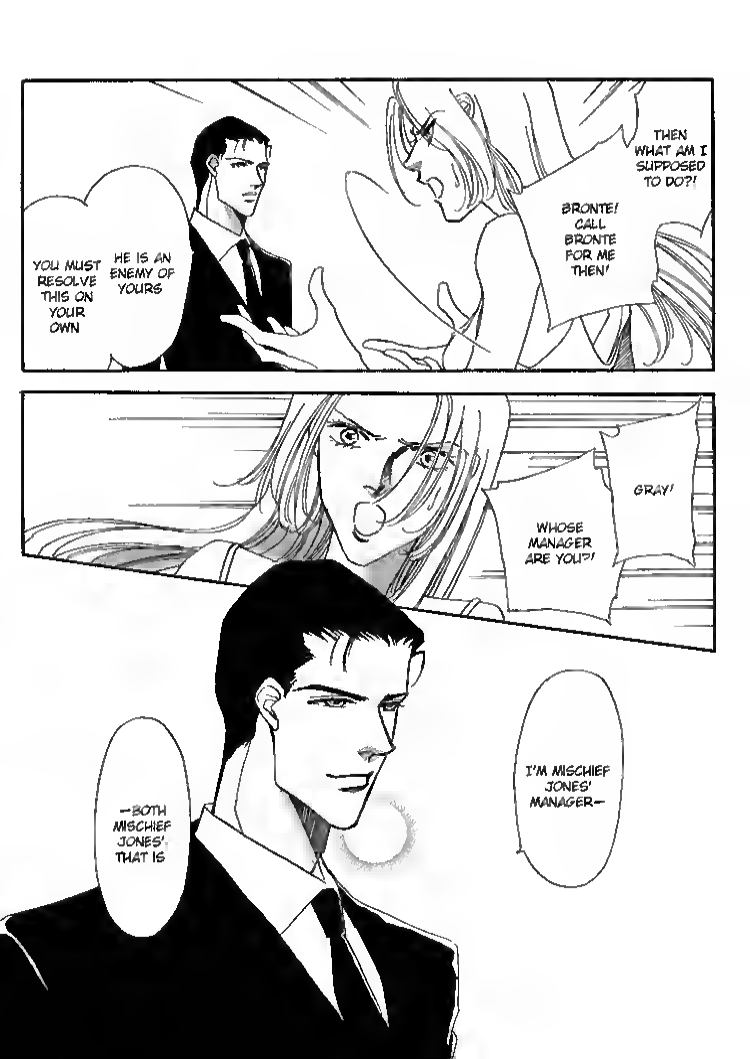
BRONTE
DEBLIN—

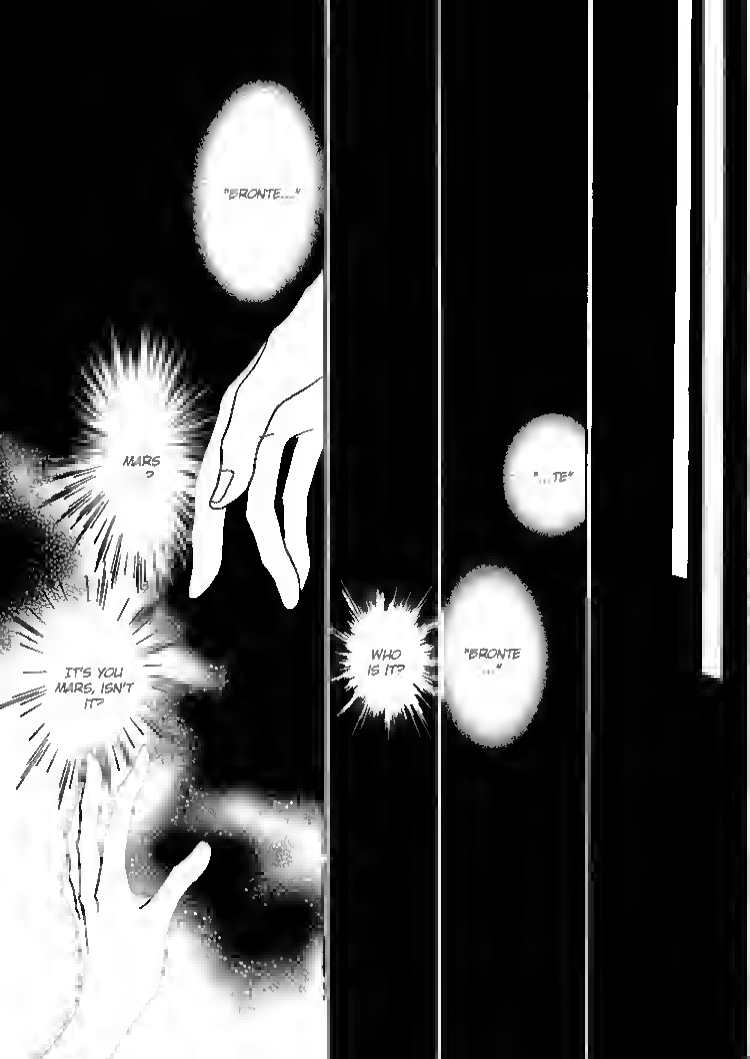
Ishouno
Scans
CAFE
SHE
—DON'T TELL ME—
SHE DOESN'T REMEMBER ME—? THAT CAN'T BE !
DIDN'T EVEN REACT WHEN SHE SAW MY FACE...
SHE

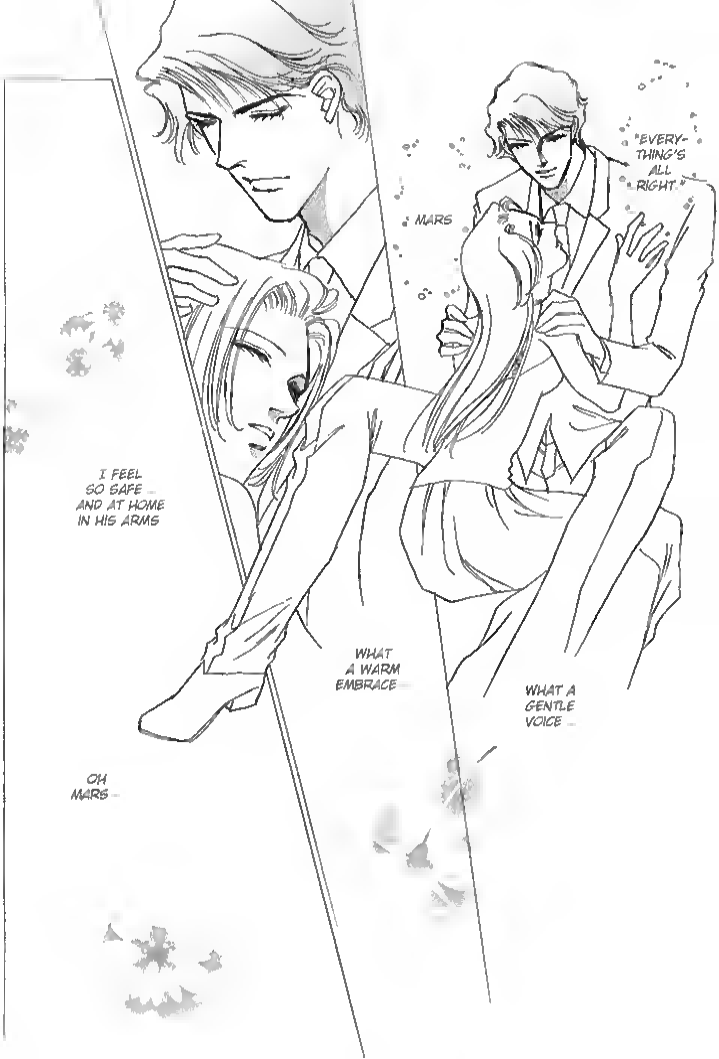
BRONTE WAS ATTACKED?!
SHE'S A COVER?!
YES
BUT THERE'S NO NEED PRETENDING YOU DIDN'T KNOW THIS WAS GOING TO HAPPEN, MISCHIEF
THIS WAS WHY YOU NEEDED A SUBSTITUTE, WASN'T IT?
MY!

YOU KNEW THE TRUTH?
—WELL THEN, DID SHE DIE?
NO, SHE'S SAFE SHE DIDN'T EVEN GET A SINGLE SCRATCH ON HER.
WHAT ABOUT THE MAN THEN? HE WAS CAUGHT, WASN'T HE?! WHO WAS IT?
HE MANAGED TO ESCAPE HE'S SOMEONE YOU KNOW THOUGH
THUD
WHAT A USELESS PIECE OF
WHAT DID SHE DO?!


HE ESCAPED —?
HE'LL PROBABLY COME AFTER YOU AGAIN.
WHO IS HE THEN— REPORT HIM TO THE POLICE!
I WOULDN'T RECOMMEND THAT
YOUR PAST WILL BE REVEALED TO THE WORLD IF WE REPORT HIM


THEN WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?!
BRONTE! CALL BRONTE FOR ME THEN!
HE IS AN ENEMY OF YOURS
YOU MUST RESOLVE THIS ON YOUR OWN
GRAY!
WHOSE MANAGER ARE YOU!?!
I'M MISCHIEF JONES' MANAGER—
—BOTH MISCHIEF JONES'. THAT IS


"BRONTE....."
MARS ?
IT'S YOU MARS, ISN'T IT?
WHO IS IT?
"BRONTE ..."
"...TE"


"EVERY-
THING'S
ALL
RIGHT."
MARS
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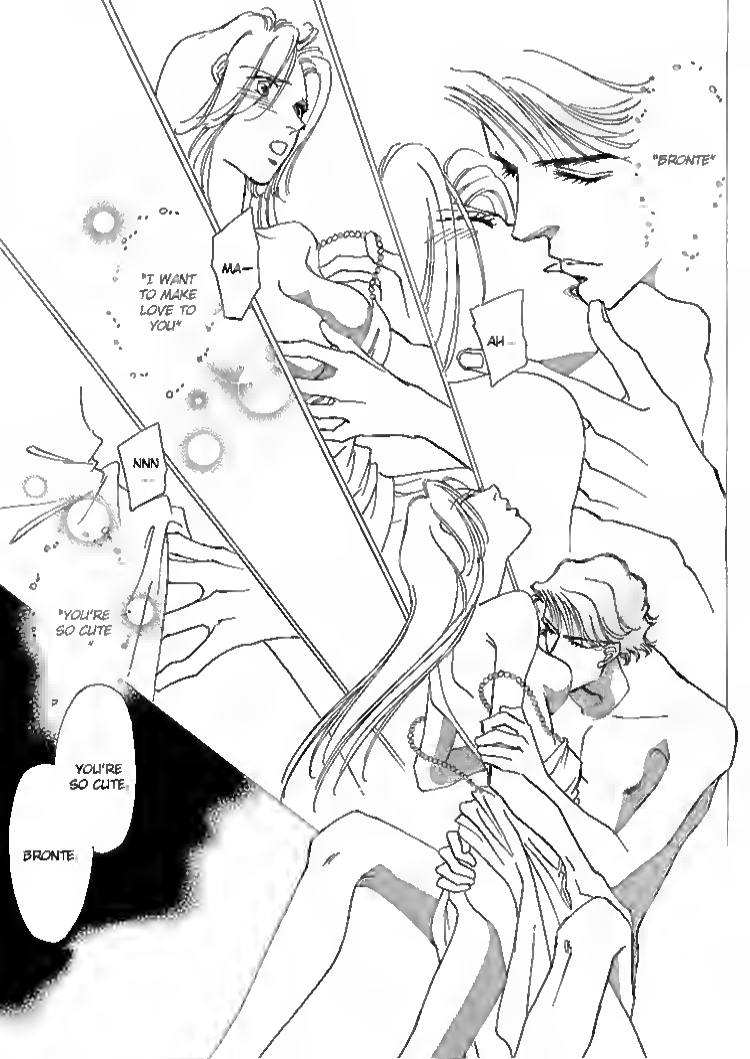
IN HIS ARMS
WHAT
A WARM
EMBRACE...
WHAT A
GENTLE
VOICE...
OH
MARS...


"BRONTE"
MA—
"I WANT TO MAKE LOVE TO YOU"
AH—
NNN
"YOU'RE SO CUTE"
YOU'RE SO CUTE.
BRONTE.

MA
RS
chuckles
YOU
REALLY
ARE...
ADORABLE...
chuckles
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MA-
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ARE YOU HAVING A DREAM WHERE HE'S MAKING LOVE TO YOU?
A LONG— AND LEWD ONE THAT IS
I'VE ARRANGED IT SO
YOU'LL HAVE A NICE LONG DREAM.

AH...
MARS !

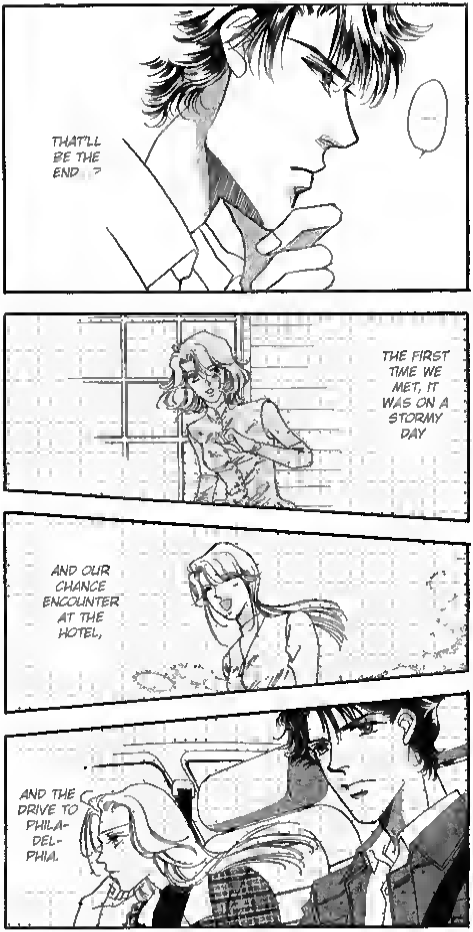
SO THE REASON WHY I WAS SHOWING SUCH AN UNUSUAL INTEREST TOWARDS THIS WOMAN—
MUST HAVE BEEN MY SIXTH SENSE COMING INTO PLAY—

TO THINK SHE'S THE WOMAN MARS WEST LOVES!

ONCE HE FINDS OUT I MADE LOVE TO HER, I WONDER HOW HE'LL REACT?
THIS'LL BE INTERESTING THOUGH
BUT WHEN I THINK ABOUT HOW I'M STEALING HER AWAY FROM MARS, I CAN FEEL PLEASURE FROM JUST THAT ALONE
IT'S NO FUN MAKING LOVE TO SOMEONE WHO'S NOT EVEN AWAKE,

YOU'RE AN EYESORE, MARS WEST
YOUR EXISTENCE ALONE IRRITATES ME
THIS WON'T BE THE END OF THINGS THOUGH,
...NOT UNTIL I DRIVE YOU DOWN TO RUINS!

I'M JUST GLAD SHE'S SAFE
BRONTE—
THEN THAT'LL BE THE END OF THAT
ONCE THE SUN RISES I'LL GO AND TAKE HER BACK. I WON'T LET HER BE A SUBSTITUTE FOR MISCHIEF ANY LONGER.

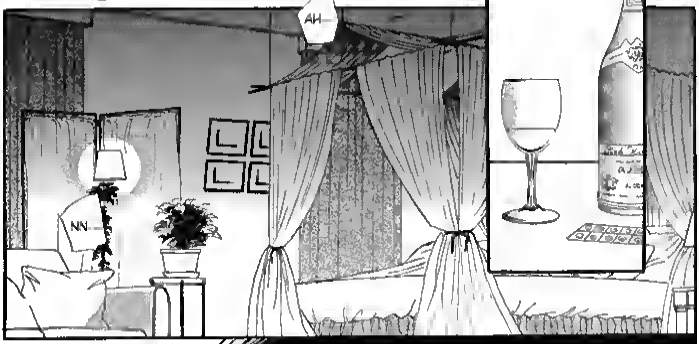

THAT'LL BE THE END...?
THE FIRST TIME WE MET, IT WAS ON A STORMY DAY
AND OUR CHANCE ENCOUNTER AT THE HOTEL,
AND THE DRIVE TO PHILA-DEL-PHIA.

—AND THAT NIGHT IN PHILADELPHIA
SHE'S COME INTO MY HEART WITHOUT ME EVEN REALIZING IT
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAS EVER HAPPENED
—THAT'S RIGHT...
—SO THIS IS WHAT YOU CALL A FIRST LOVE, HUH?
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME...
CHUCKLES
...!!

I'VE NEVER LOVED ANYONE BEFORE I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER BEING LOVED BEFORE EITHER
I THOUGHT I DIDN'T HAVE ANY NEED FOR LOVE...
FROM THE DAY I CHANGED MY NAME TO "MARS"
I THOUGHT ALL I NEEDED WAS POWER...
grips

SO I GOT THIS HOTEL AS A FOOTHOLD TIME THE ADDER OF SUCCESS
TO GET THAT, I TOOK THE SHORTCUT WITH MY MARRIAGE TO CHANTAL.

"THAT'LL BE THE END OF THAT"—?
WILL I REALLY BE ABLE TO
THROW EVERYTHING AWAY?

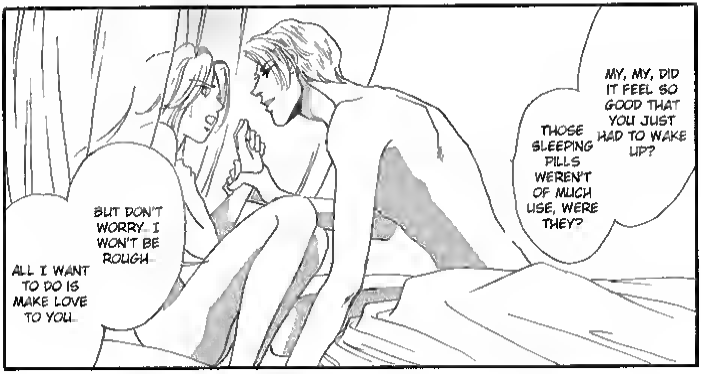

AH...
NN...

MARS
BUT THERE'S SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT...

IT'S AS IF...
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE HIS FINGERS
IT FEELS DIFFERENT...
ARE SO... COLD.?
THE HANDS ARE THOSE OF A STRANGER'S ...
...!
Grips

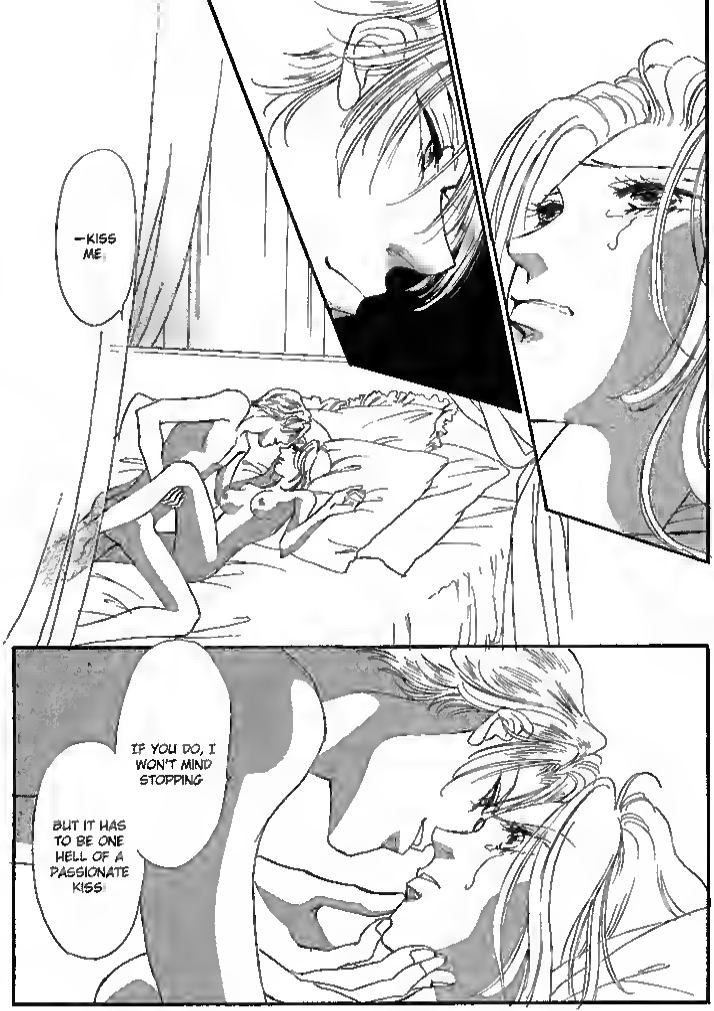
BLINKS
NO!!
WHO IS THIS?!
STOP!

GUS BROWN!
WOBBLE
AH...
WHERE AM I...
WHY AM I...
AND WHY ARE YOU...


MY, MY, DID IT FEEL SO GOOD THAT YOU JUST HAD TO WAKE UP?
THOSE SLEEPING PILLS WEREN'T OF MUCH USE, WERE THEY?
BUT DON'T WORRY... I WON'T BE ROUGH...
ALL I WANT TO DO IS MAKE LOVE TO YOU...

A—
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?!
LET ME GO!
NO!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON — HOW DID I COME TO BE HERE?!
MY BODY FEELS SO HEAVY... I CAN'T MOVE!
THUD

YOU'RE RESISTING NOW, AFTER ALL THIS?
DON'T BE SILLY.
YOUR BODY'S ALREADY WRITHING WITH PLEASURE FROM MY CARESSES
YOU WANT TO GET YOUR RELEASE, DON'T YOU?
YOU WANT TO GO ALL THE WAY, ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
NO...!

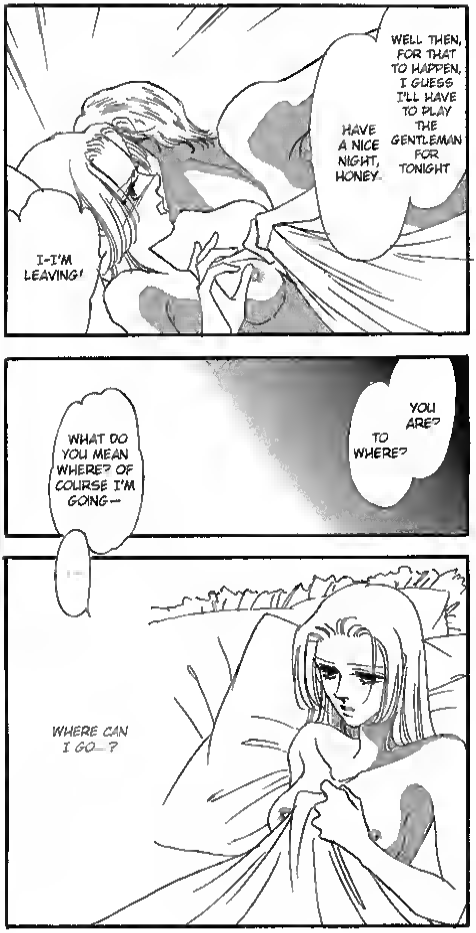

—KISS ME.
IF YOU DO, I WON'T MIND STOPPING
BUT IT HAS TO BE ONE HELL OF A PASSIONATE KISS.

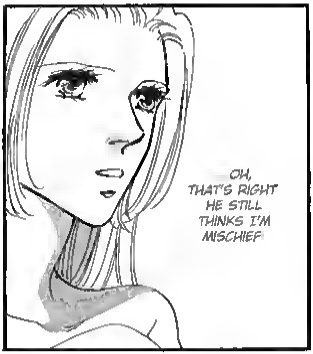
I'VE NEVER FELT MORE FRUSTRATED THAN I DO NOW,
BECAUSE RIGHT NOW, I'D LIKE NOTHING BETTER THAN TO SLAP YOU
--LIKE THE ONE YOU MIGHT GIVE MARS
Glares
YOUR VOICE IS THE ONLY THING THAT RESEMBLES HIM ON THE INSIDE, YOU TWO COULDN'T BE ANY DIFFERENT
HAHAHA HAHA!

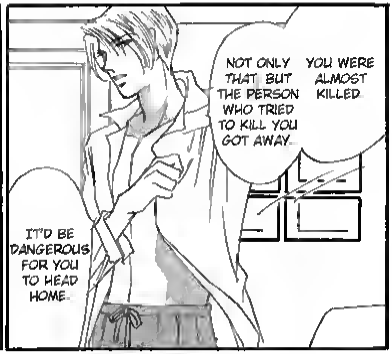
SO MY VOICE REMINDS YOU OF MARS AND THAT'S WHY YOU'RE GETTING SO WET?

HUH— —I'M STARTING TO FEEL A BIT JEALOUS
WELL THEN, MAYBE I'LL GET SERIOUS AND ACTUALLY STEAL YOU AWAY FROM HIM— —NOT JUST YOUR BODY, BUT YOUR HEART AS WELL—

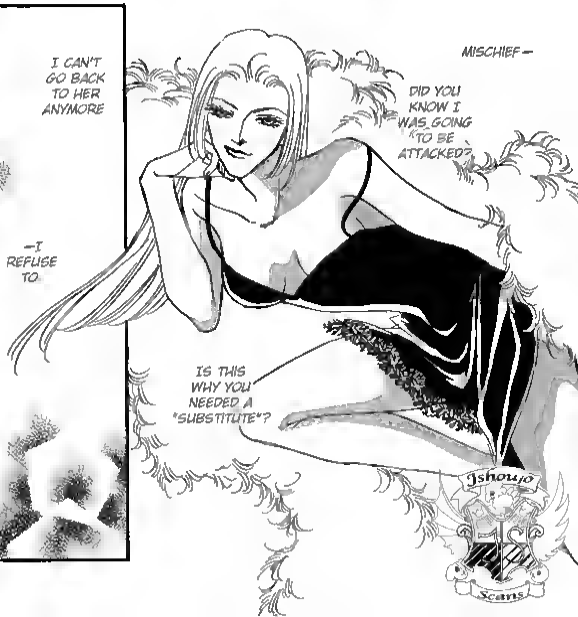
DON'T YOU THINK IT'LL BE FUN
...
TO HAVE YOU PROCLAIM YOUR LOVE FOR ME
IN FRONT OF HIM?
GUS BROWN
WHAT'S RUNNING THROUGH HIS MIND?
WHY IS HE SO TRANSFIXED ON MARS?

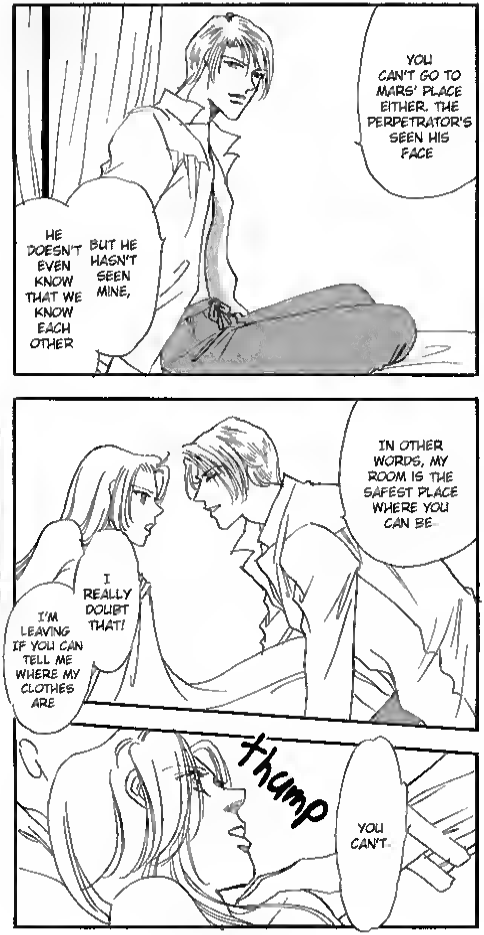

WELL THEN, FOR THAT TO HAPPEN, I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO PLAY THE GENTLEMAN FOR TONIGHT
HAVE A NICE NIGHT, HONEY.
I-I'M LEAVING!
YOU ARE?
TO WHERE?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN WHERE? OF COURSE I'M GOING—
WHERE CAN I GO—?


OH, THAT'S RIGHT HE STILL THINKS I'M MISCHIEF

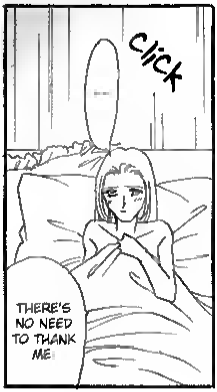

NOT ONLY THAT, BUT THE PERSON WHO TRIED TO KILL YOU GOT AWAY.
YOU WERE ALMOST KILLED.
IT'D BE DANGEROUS FOR YOU TO HEAD HOME.

I CAN'T GO BACK TO HER ANYMORE
—I REFUSE TO.
BUT THEN, WHERE AM I SUPPOSED TO GO...


MISCHIEF—
DID YOU KNOW I WAS GOING TO BE ATTACKED?
IS THIS WHY YOU NEEDED A "SUBSTITUTE"?
Yshoujo Scans


YOU CAN'T GO TO MARS' PLACE EITHER. THE PERPETRATOR'S SEEN HIS FACE
BUT HE HASN'T SEEN MINE,
HE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW THAT WE KNOW EACH OTHER
IN OTHER WORDS, MY ROOM IS THE SAFEST PLACE WHERE YOU CAN BE.
I REALLY DOUBT THAT!
I'M LEAVING IF YOU CAN TELL ME WHERE MY CLOTHES ARE
thump
YOU CAN'T.

UNTIL THE GUY'S CAUGHT, I WON'T LET YOU SET ONE FOOT OUT THIS DOOR.
EVEN IF THAT MEANS I'LL HAVE TO TIE YOU DOWN
GUS...
HE REALLY LOOKS LIKE HE'S WORRIED ABOUT ME


CLICK
THERE'S NO NEED TO THANK ME.

THE ONLY PERSON I'LL TELL THAT YOU'RE HERE IS YOUR MANAGER
WELL THEN, GOOD NIGHT

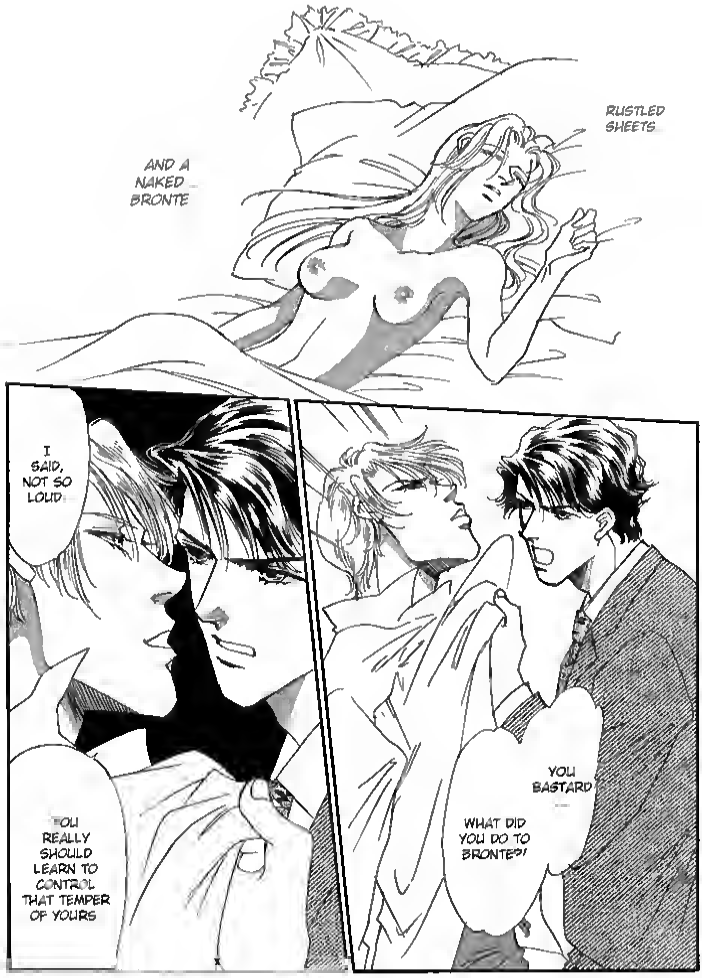
...OKAY I UNDERSTAND.

MARS...
I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT WHEN YOU SUDDENLY SHOWED UP

I WANT TO SEE YOU RIGHT NOW
MARS!
AND RISK PUTTING YOU IN HARM'S WAY...
OH, BUT I DON'T WANT YOU TO GET INVOLVED
THAT I—
WHAT IS IT—
SHOULD DO

SLAM
BRONTE IS HERE, ISN'T SHE?!
YO MARS, I KNEW YOU WERE GOING TO COME, BUT BOY ARE YOU EARLY.
I'M GUESSING YOU WENT FIRST THING IN THE MORNING TO THE HOSPITAL AND YOU PANICKED WHEN YOU FOUND OUT SHE WASN'T THERE?

GRAY TOLD ME WHERE SHE WAS I KNOW THAT SHE'S HERE
YEAH, SHE'S HERE.
BUT NOT SO LOUD.
click
SHE'S STILL ASLEEP.
TAKEN ABACK


RUSTLED SHEETS
AND A NAKED BRONTE
I SAID, NOT SO LOUD
"OH, I REALLY SHOULD LEARN TO CONTROL THAT TEMPER OF YOURS
YOU BASTARD
WHAT DID YOU DO TO BRONTE?!

click
AS FOR WHAT HAPPENED, YOU CAN ASK HER HERSELF WHAT HAPPENED
YOU MIGHT REGRET ASKING THOUGH.
I'M GOING TO TAKE HER WITH ME RIGHT NOW.
YOU CAN'T
EVEN WITH THE PRIMITIVE BRAIN THAT YOU HAVE, YOU KNOW WHERE IT WOULD BE SAFEST FOR HER, DON'T YOU?

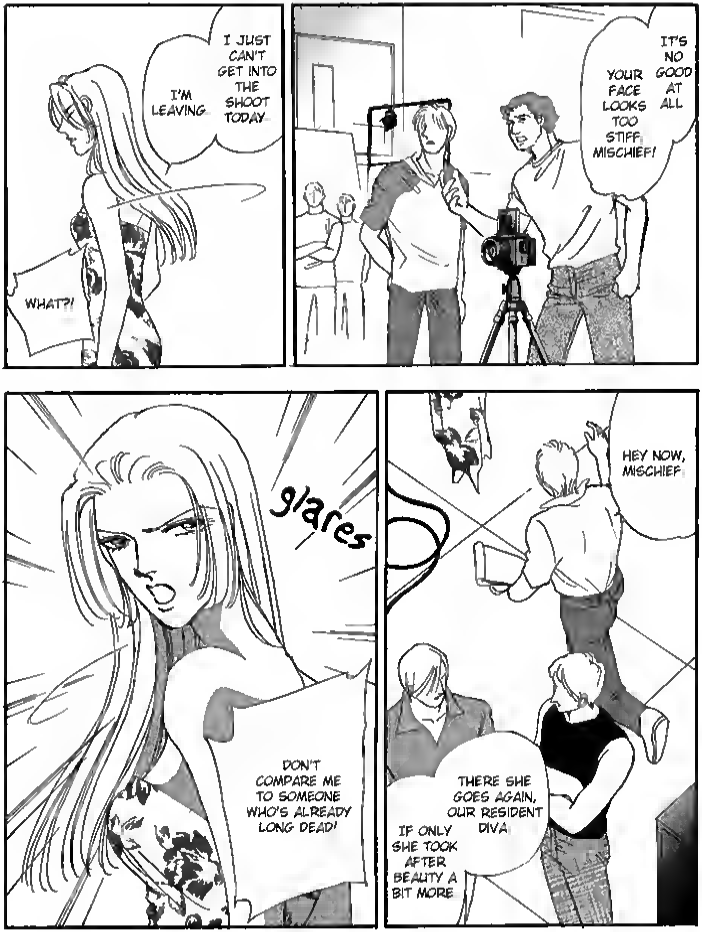
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING ON DOING TO HER?
NOTHING.
DON'T GET HER INVOLVED IN OUR MATTERS.
"OUR"?
SINCE WHEN DID WE EVER HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH EACH OTHER?
WELL, IF ANYTHING, ALL THERE IS BETWEEN THE THREE OF US IS A COMMONPLACE LOVE TRIANGLE
TWO MEN GO AT IT TO STEAL THE HEART OF ONE WOMAN, THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT

GRABS
GUS!
YOU DON'T LOVE HER
I'LL SHOW YOU NO MERCY THOUGH IF YOU HURT HER IN SOME WAY!
YOU'RE GONNA BE THE ONE WHO'LL BE HURT AND WHO'LL END UP CRYING
smirks

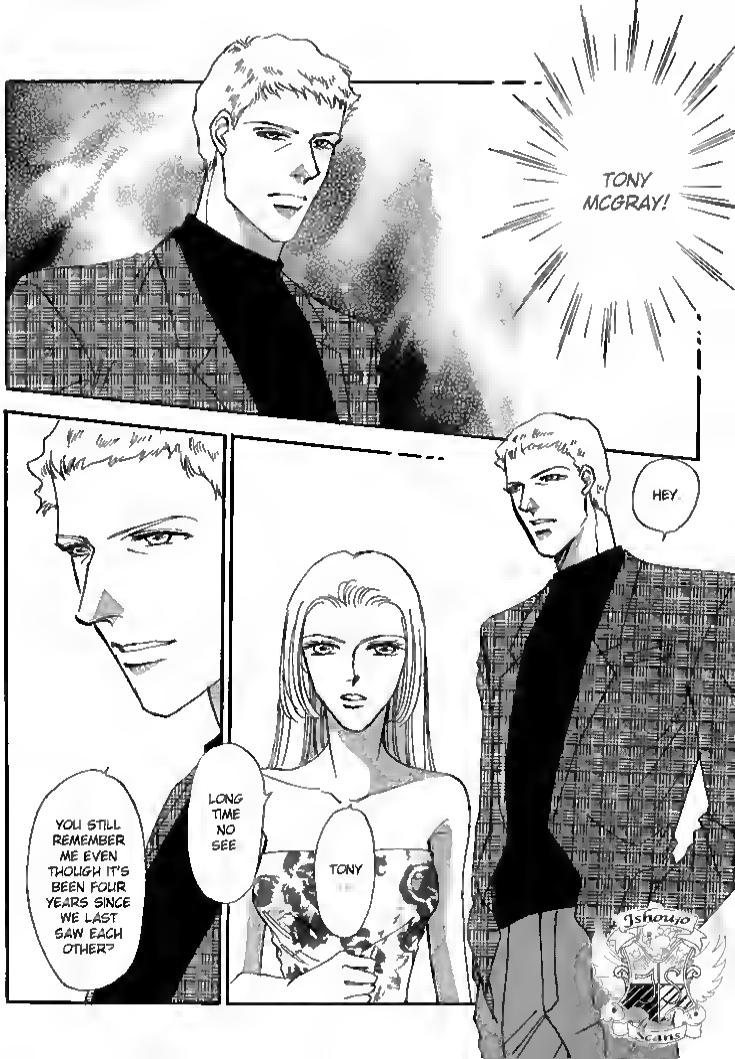
MISCHIEF JONES,
SHE STILL HAS HER BODYGUARDS COME ALONG EVEN IN THE STUDIO
YEAH, AND NOT TO MENTION, THERE ARE MORE PEOPLE THAN USUAL FOR A PHOTO SHOOT.

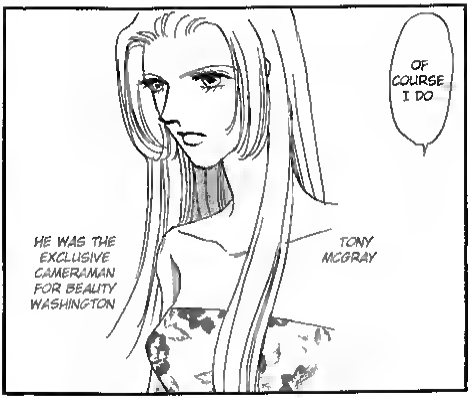
CLICK
I HEARD SOMETHING HAPPENED AT THE PARTY LAST NIGHT.
OH,?
SHE'S SOMEONE WHO'LL JUST RISE UP FROM THE GRAVE EVEN IF YOU DO MANAGE TO KILL HER THOUGH
GRAY SAID IT WAS SOMEONE I KNEW
CLICK
CLICK
THE MAN WHO TRIED TO KILL ME

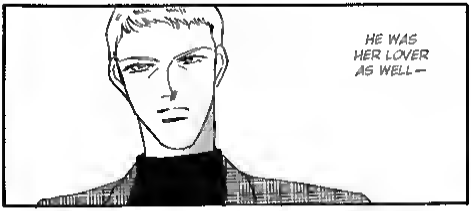
AT THE BEGINNING OF MY CAREER, I USED HIM, AND AFTER THAT, I THREW HIM AWAY
IS IT THAT CAMERAMAN?
THAT ADVERTISER'S THE SAME
I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER ANYMORE
AS FOR HIM—
EVERYONE LOOKS SUSPICIOUS TO ME

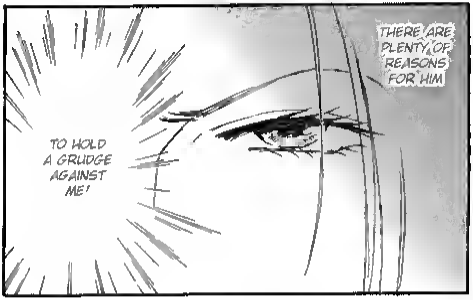

I'M LEAVING
I JUST CAN'T GET INTO THE SHOOT TODAY
WHAT?!
IT'S NO GOOD AT ALL
YOUR FACE LOOKS TOO STIFF, MISCHIEF!
glares
DON'T COMPARE ME TO SOMEONE WHO'S ALREADY LONG DEAD!
HEY NOW, MISCHIEF.
THERE SHE GOES AGAIN, OUR RESIDENT DIVA
IF ONLY SHE TOOK AFTER BEAUTY A BIT MORE

Well someone came up for the winning title at the end this morning.
Murmur
WHAT'S WITH HER?
SHE WAS ABLE TO BECOME A TOP MODEL BECAUSE BEAUTY TOOK HER UNDER HER WINGS.
YEAH, WHO'D WANT TO COMPARE THEM ANYWAY?
SHE'LL NEVER BE LIKE BEAUTY.
BLINK
—NOW I REMEMBER HE'S—

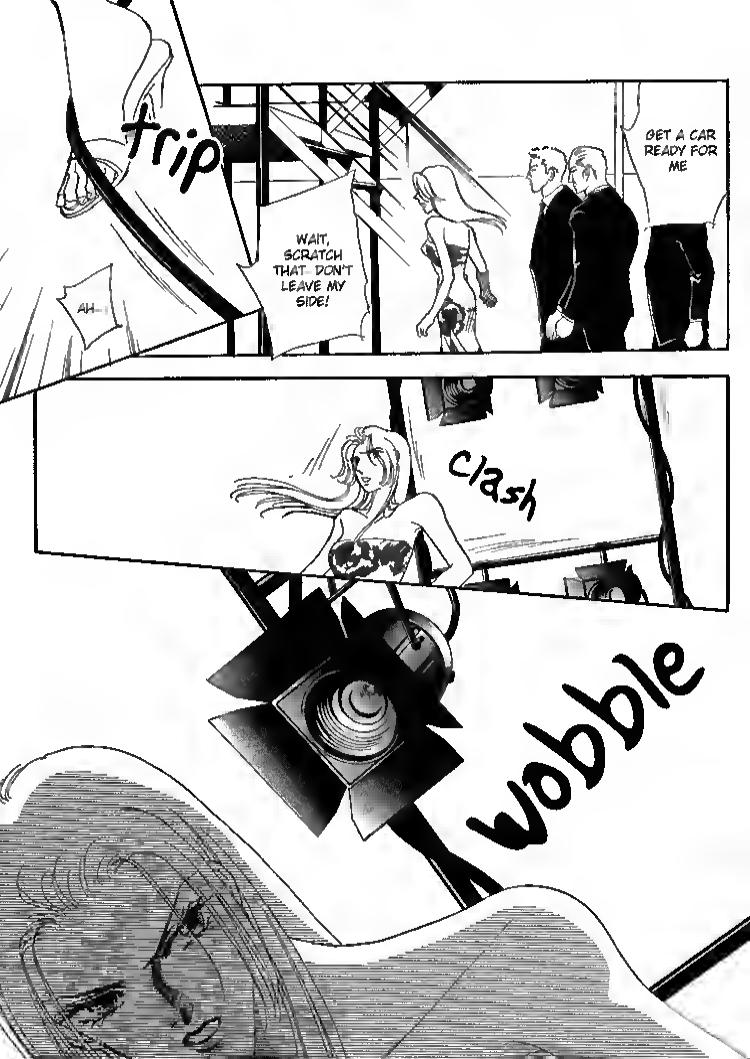

TONY MCGRAY!
HEY
TONY
LONG TIME NO SEE
YOU STILL REMEMBER ME EVEN THOUGH IT'S BEEN FOUR YEARS SINCE WE LAST SAW EACH OTHER?


OF COURSE I DO
TONY MCGRAY
HE WAS THE EXCLUSIVE CAMERAMAN FOR BEALITY WASHINGTON


HE WAS HER LOVER AS WELL—


THERE ARE PLENTY OF REASONS FOR HIM
TO HOLD A GRUDGE AGAINST ME!

smirks
I'M NOT FEELING SO WELL,
I'M LEAVING.
IF SHE'S THE REAL MISCHIEF JONES
OF COURSE, SHE WOULDN'T FORGET ME,
THIS ONE'S THE REAL DEAL!
I KNEW IT THAT WOMAN LAST NIGHT WAS JUST A DECOY


trip
AH...
WAIT, SCRATCH THAT. DON'T LEAVE MY SIDE!
GET A CAR READY FOR ME
clash
wobble

JShoujo Scans

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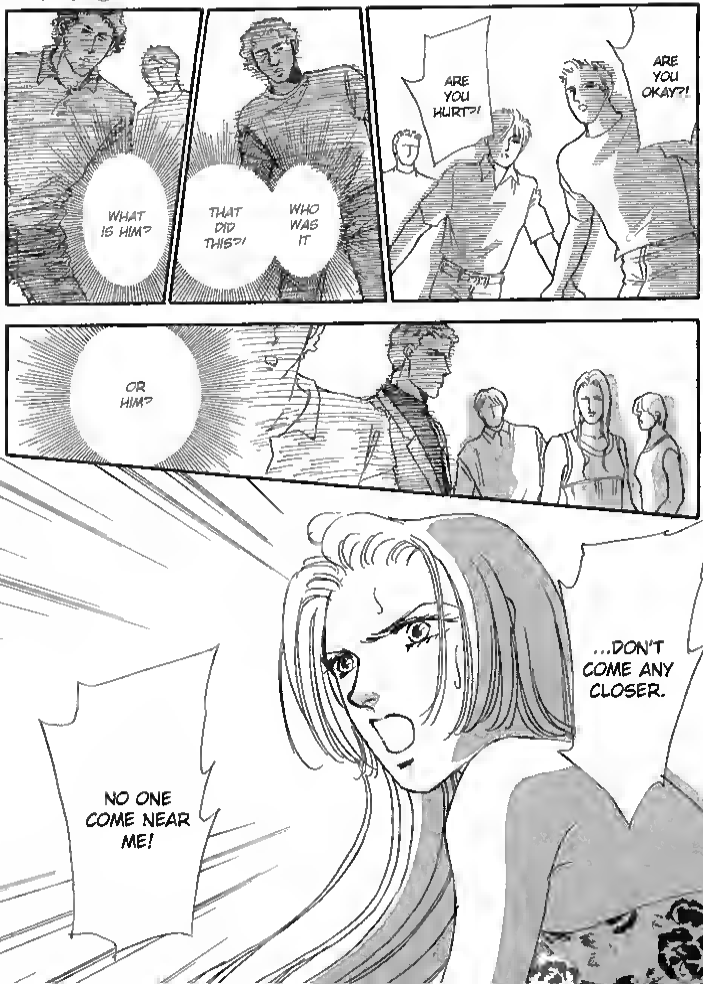
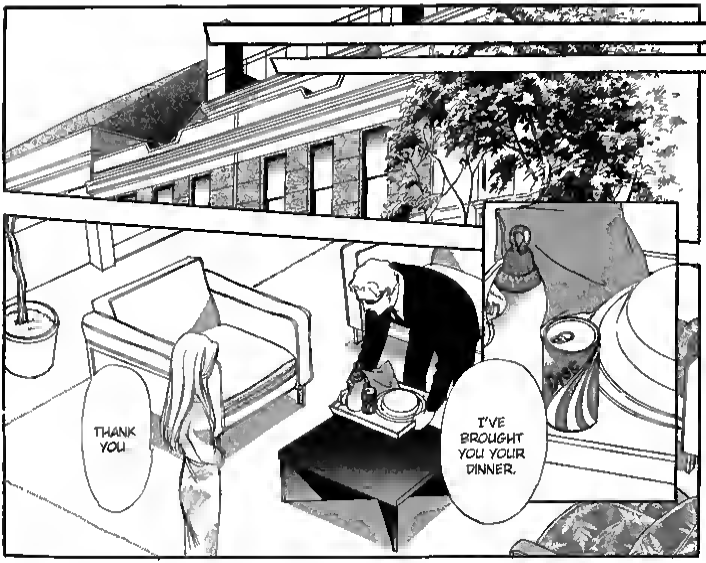
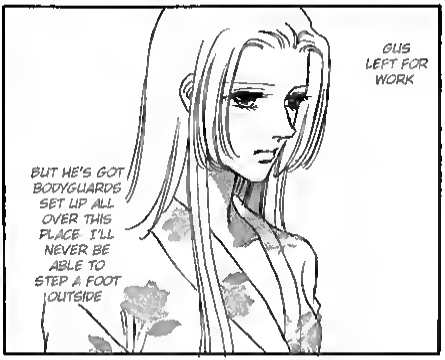
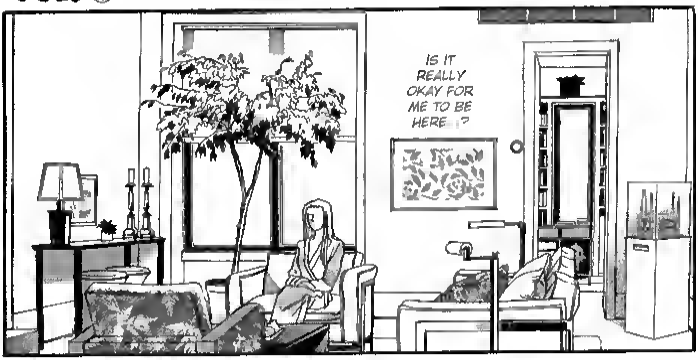
Crash
W- WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW?
WAS IT JUST AN ACCIDENT?
OR WAS IT—


WHAT IS HIM?
THAT DID THIS?!
WHO WAS IT
ARE YOU HURT?!
ARE YOU OKAY?!
OR HIM?
NO ONE COME NEAR ME!
...DON'T COME ANY CLOSER.


I'VE BROUGHT YOU YOUR DINNER.
THANK YOU.

HE MAY HAVE BEEN RIGHT WHEN HE SAID THIS WAS THE SAFEST PLACE FOR ME TO BE, BUT

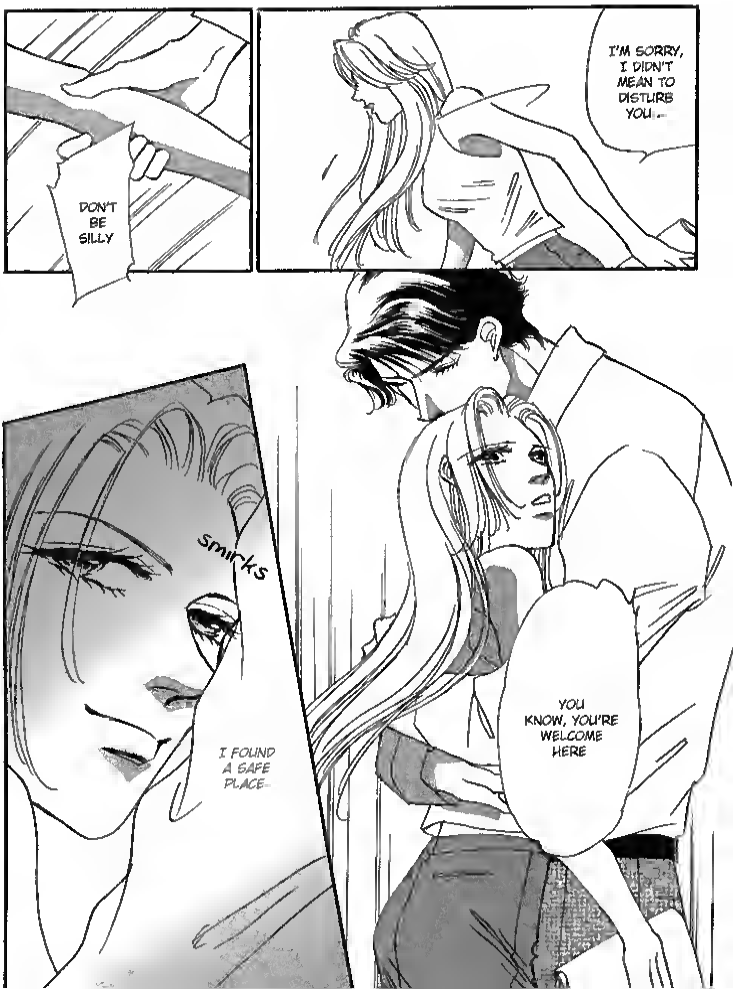

GUS LEFT FOR WORK
BUT HE'S GOT BODYGUARDS SET UP ALL OVER THIS PLACE I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO STEP A FOOT OUTSIDE

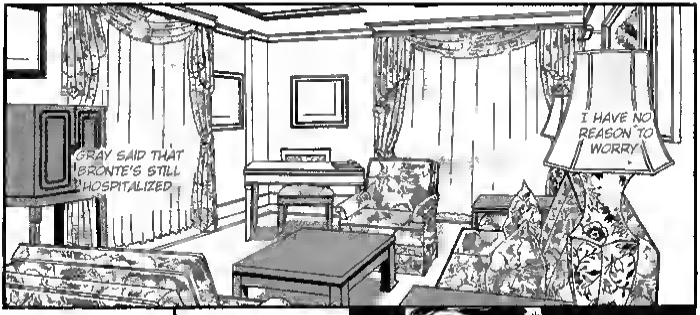

IS IT REALLY OKAY FOR ME TO BE HERE...?

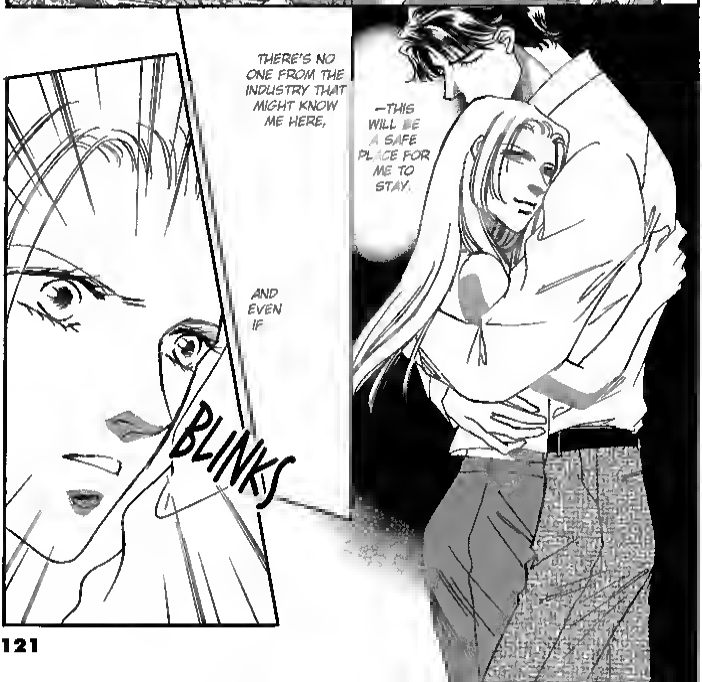
EVERYTHING AROUND ME IS CHANGING SO FAST,
I'M JUST BEING SWEPT ALONG. I'M POWERLESS
WHERE AM "I" IN ALL OF THIS ?
—THE ONLY THING I CAN BE SURE OF IS...

MARS,
THE FEELINGS I HAVE FOR YOU
I WANT TO SEE YOU, MARS .!
BANG
BANG
BANG

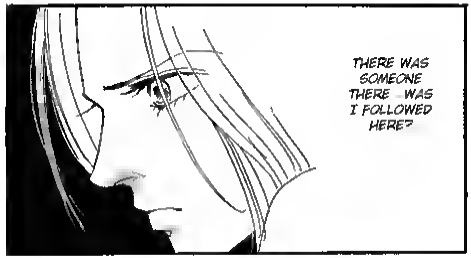
CLICK
BLINKS
BANG
BANG
WHO IS IT?
DON'T YOU KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS?
MARS
BRONTE!
BRONTE, HOW DID YOU—
I WANTED TO SEE YOU SO MUCH THAT I—


DON'T BE SILLY
I'M SORRY, I DIDN'T MEAN TO DISTURB YOU...
YOU KNOW, YOU'RE WELCOME HERE
smirks
I FOUND A SAFE PLACE...


GRAY SAID THAT BRONTE'S STILL HOSPITALIZED.
I HAVE NO REASON TO WORRY.


THERE'S NO ONE FROM THE INDUSTRY THAT MIGHT KNOW ME HERE,
—THIS WILL BE A SAFE PLACE FOR ME TO STAY.
AND EVEN IF
BLINKS

BRONTE ?
swish
SLAM


THERE WAS SOMEONE THERE WAS I FOLLOWED HERE?

ARE YOU FRIGHT-ENED?

IT'S ALL RIGHT, I'M HERE FOR YOU.

MARS
THAT'S RIGHT
EVEN IF ANYTHING SHOULD HAPPEN, MARS WILL PROTECT ME NO MATTER WHAT
AS LONG AS I STAY IN HIS ARMS I'LL BE SAFE...
HE'S NOT THE TYPE WHO'D JUST THROW A WOMAN WHO'S ABOUT TO BE KILLED OUT ON TO THE STREETS
EVEN IF HE DOES FIGURE OUT WHO I REALLY AM,
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, MARS?

WHAT A FOOLISH YET HONORABLE KNIGHT...

HIS BODY FEELS SLIGHTLY MORE MUSCULAR
THAN BEFORE THOUGH
HE'S STILL AS GOOD OF A KISSER AS EVER
NN
WHOOPS, I ALMOST SLIPPED UP THERE
THERE'S NO WAY A SUBMISSIVE LIKE BRONTE WOULD BE THE ONE TO MAKE THE FIRST MOVE

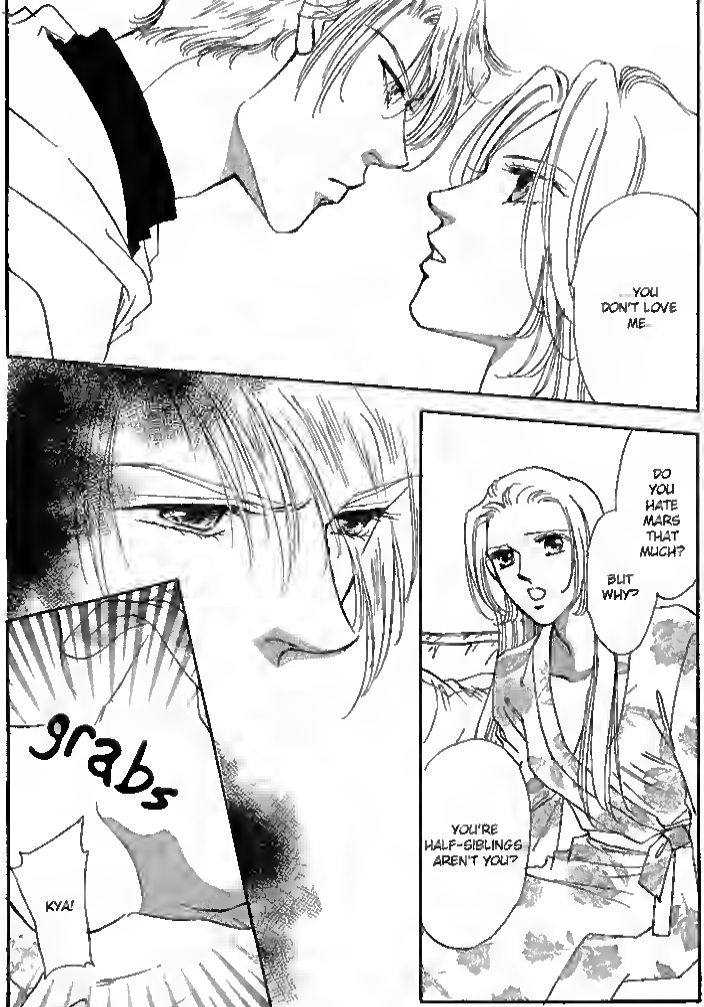
THUMP
TIGHTS
AH
WHAT AN IMPATIENT — AND PASSIONATE KISS

IS IT ALWAYS LIKE THIS WITH BRONTE?
WELL HASN'T SHE GOT IT MADE
—BUT YOU'VE FORGOTTEN ONE THING,
I'M MISCHIEF
DON'T TELL ME YOU CAN'T EVEN TELL APART THE WOMAN YOU LOVE FROM THE WOMAN YOU HATE
THIS ONLY SHOWS THE EXTENT OF YOUR "LOVE."

Hahaha Hahaha
GUS!
PLEASE, LET ME OUTSIDE IF ONLY FOR A LITTLE WHILE

I CAN'T JUST ALWAYS BE WEARING THIS GOWN!
I'M ONLY GOING OUTSIDE TO DO SOME SHOPPING FOR CLOTHES
YOU CAN'T. IT'S NOT SAFE
flip
IN ADDITION, IT'S EASY TO REMOVE.
WELL THERE'S A REASON WHY YOU'RE ALWAYS WEARING THAT GOWN
AS LONG AS YOU'RE WEARING THAT, THERE'S NO NEED TO BE WORRIED ABOUT YOU STEPPING OUTSIDE
swish
I'm starting to think it's only for courtesy!
HEY NOW!

THUMP
WHEN WILL YOU UNDERSTAND
JUST HOW MUCH I WANT YOU?


...YOU DON'T LOVE ME...
DO YOU HATE MARS THAT MUCH?
BUT WHY?
YOU'RE HALF-SIBLINGS AREN'T YOU?
grabs
KYA!

DON'T TALK ABOUT HIM IN MY PRESENCE.
OTHERWISE, YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT I MIGHT DO.
I-I'M SORRY ...
click

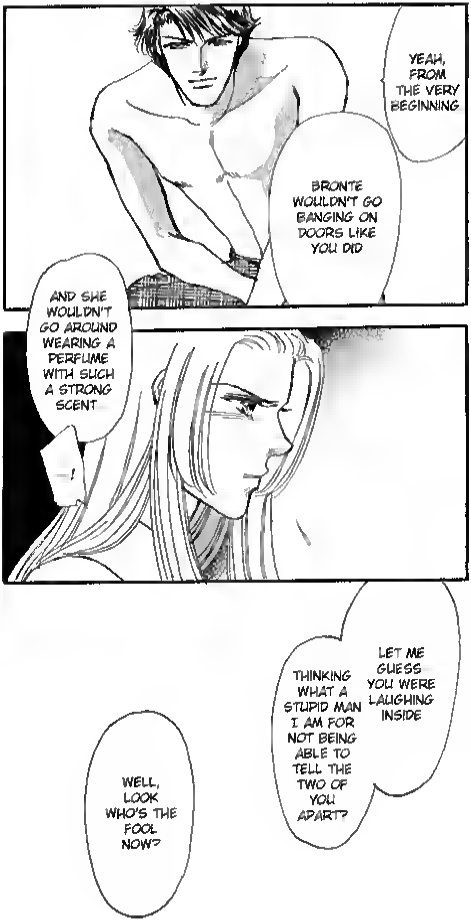
HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE IN THERE?
IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYHOW
swish
I DIDN'T WANT TO GET ANYONE ELSE INVOLVED IN THIS.
BUT IF ANYTHING.. THEY SHOULD BE THE ONES TO REGRET EVER HAVING KNOWN A WOMAN LIKE HER
dong ding

W-WHO IS IT ..?
OH, I ORDERED SOME ROOM SERVICE.
OH, SO IT'S JUST ROOM SERVICE
Cli...ck

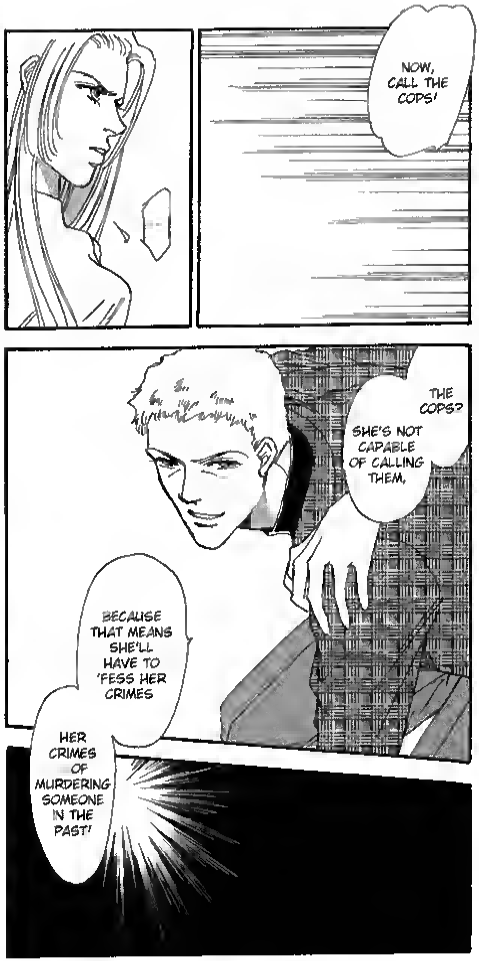
swi
sh
DON'T MO—
THUD
I KNEW YOU WERE GOING TO SHOW UP!

Crash
IT—
PULLS
DAMN
HE'S—

I KNEW IT! SO IT WAS HIM!
TONY MCGRAY!
HE'S THE ONE WHO ATTACKED ME LAST NIGHT!
THAT'S HIM!
YOU KNEW WHO I WAS?!
WHAT
"ME"?
NOW THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG.
THE ONE WHO WAS ATTACKED LAST NIGHT WAS BRONTE!


YEAH, FROM THE VERY BEGINNING
BRONTE WOULDN'T GO BANGING ON DOORS LIKE YOU DID
AND SHE WOULDN'T GO AROUND WEARING A PERFUME WITH SUCH A STRONG SCENT
—!
LET ME GUESS YOU WERE LAUGHING INSIDE
THINKING WHAT A STUPID MAN I AM FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO TELL THE TWO OF YOU APART?
WELL, LOOK WHO'S THE FOOL NOW?

WHEN I SPOTTED HIM IN THE HALLWAY
I KNEW FOR SURE THAT IF I PRETENDED THAT I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS YOU,
I'D BE ABLE TO CATCH HIM.
...
-SO THAT'S ALL IT WAS.
Smirks

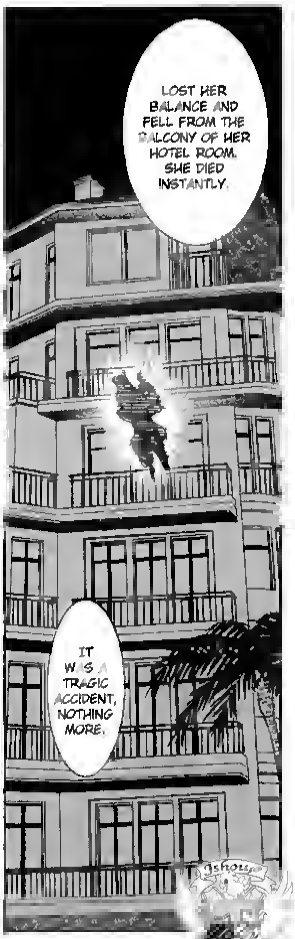

NOW, CALL THE COPS!
THE COPS?
SHE'S NOT CAPABLE OF CALLING THEM.
BECAUSE THAT MEANS SHE'LL HAVE TO 'FESS HER CRIMES
HER CRIMES OF MURDERING SOMEONE IN THE PAST!

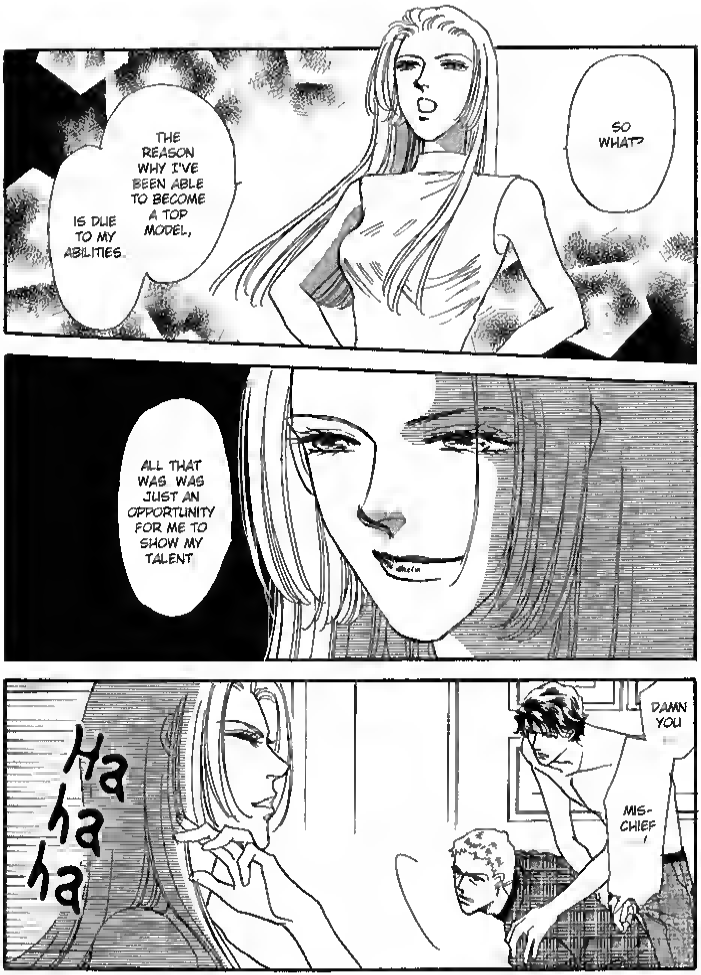
MURDER ?
BEAUTY WASHINGTON WHO WAS THE TOP MODEL AT THAT TIME
YOU'RE STILL GOING ON ABOUT THAT?
THAT WAS AN ACCIDENT

THE ONLY ONES IN THE ROOM WERE YOU AND BEALITY.

SO WHAT?
THE POLICE CONCLUDED IT WAS AN ACCIDENT AS WELL.

ALL THE JOBS THAT OPENED UP DUE TO HER DEATH, YOU FILLED
THERE WERE ALSO RUMORS THAT YOU HAD SOMETHING GOING WITH HER MANAGER.


LOST HER BALANCE AND FELL FROM THE BALCONY OF HER HOTEL ROOM. SHE DIED INSTANTLY.
IT WAS A TRAGIC ACCIDENT, NOTHING MORE.


SO WHAT?
THE REASON WHY I'VE BEEN ABLE TO BECOME A TOP MODEL,
IS DUE TO MY ABILITIES.
ALL THAT WAS WAS JUST AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO SHOW MY TALENT
DAMN YOU
MIS-CHIEF
Ha ha ha

SUB-OWNER!
WE WERE JUST DOING OUR DAILY ROUNDS
WHAT'S GOING ON--?
GREAT TIMING--
TURN HIM OVER TO THE POLICE
HE WAS CAUGHT TRYING TO KILL SOMEONE
WHAT--?!
AH... Y-YES. RIGHT AWAY!

EVEN IF THEY LET YOU GO BECAUSE OF A LACK OF EVIDENCE,
HAVING THE INCIDENT BROUGHT UP AGAIN WILL BE QUITE THE SCANDAL FOR YOU.
...HUH, HAVE IT YOUR WAY...
I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR POPULARITY DISAPPEARING INTO THIN AIR
DUE TO THIS SCANDAL
HA!
Ha Ha Ha
HAHA HAHAHA HA...

A SCANDAL? IF A PETTY SCANDAL LIKE THIS WOULD MEAN THE END FOR ME, I WOULD'VE NEVER GOTTEN INTO THIS BUSINESS IN THE FIRST PLACE
WELL, I AM STARTING TO GET BORED OF MODELING ANYWAY
--AT ANY RATE, WHAT I WANT MOST OF ALL RIGHT NOW.
IS THE MAN IN FRONT OF ME RIGHT NOW
HIS EYES LOOK DIFFERENT FROM THE WAY THEY DID FIVE YEARS AGO

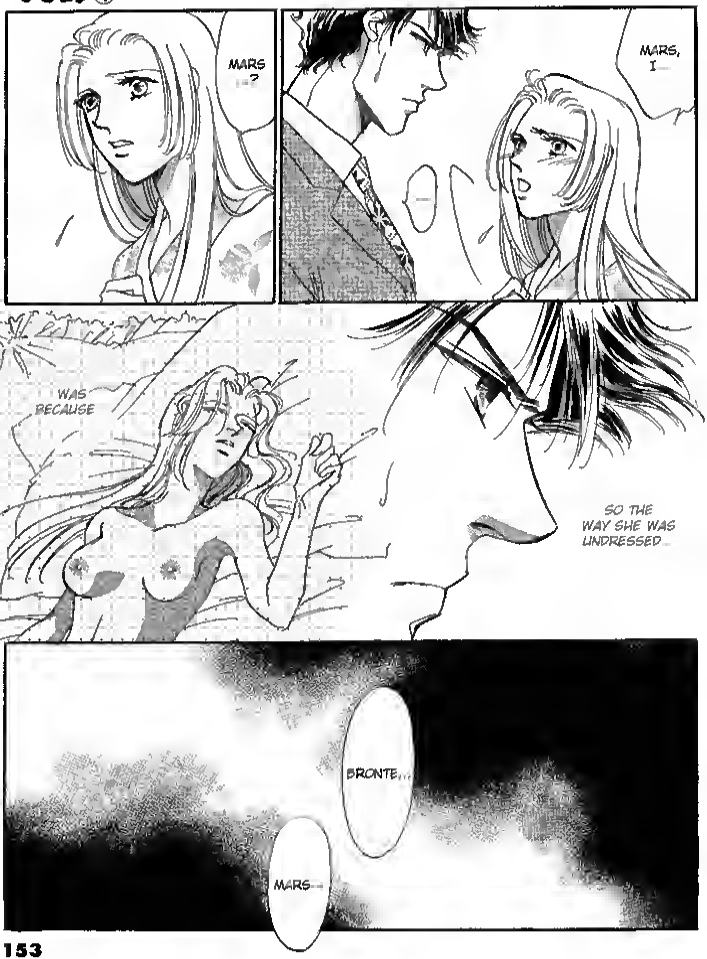
I NEVER THOUGHT HE WAS CAPABLE OF LOVING ANYONE
HIS EYES WERE COLD, AND, ALWAYS SHARP WITH HUNGER
HIS MARRIAGE TO ME MIGHT AS WELL BE NONEXISTENT, THAT'S HOW LITTLE IT MEANT TO HIM
BUT NOW...
NOW, IT'S DIFFERENT.
HIS UNWAVERING EYES ARE LOOKING IN ONE DIRECTION IN THAT WOMAN'S DIRECTION!
WOULD YOU MIND LEAVING?
I HAVE TO GO SOMEWHERE.

ARE YOU GOING TO SEE BRONTE?
THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.
NOW LEAVE.
BRONTE!
ARE YOU SAYING SHE'S THE ONE WHO CHANGED HIM? IS SHE THE ONE WHO CHANGED HIM LIKE THIS?
IT'S A BIG MISTAKE IF SHE THINKS I'M GOING TO LET THIS SLIDE I'M NOT GOING TO GIVE HIM OVER TO THE LIKES OF HER MARS IS MY HUSBAND
HE'S MINE ALONE..!

YOU WERE ABLE TO CATCH THE PERPETRATOR?
MARS !
HUH, WELL, THAT WAS FAST
SO NOW YOU'RE HERE TO TAKE BACK BRONTE, IS THAT IT?
SHE'S SAFE NOW,
SO I'M TAKING HER WITH ME

MARS ...!
I CAN'T SAY I'M NOT DISAPPOINTED FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO SPEND A BIT MORE TIME WITH YOU,
WHAT—?
BUT I DO HAVE THE MEMORIES FROM LAST NIGHT TO KEEP ME COMPANY

THE TIME YOU SPEND IN MY ARMS
YOU WERE ADORABLE, BRONTE
WHAT
LAST NIGHT AFTER HE LEFT THE ROOM I FELL INTO A DEEP SLEEP...
AND I HAVE NO MEMORIES OF ANYTHING THAT HAPPENED UNTIL I WOKE UP THIS MORNING...
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, GUS?!
BLINKS
DON'T TELL ME HE DID SOMETHING AGAIN DURING THAT TIME ?


MARS…?
MARS, I—
WAS BECAUSE
SO THE WAY SHE WAS UNDRESSED…
BRONTE…
MARS—

TELL ME THAT NOTHING HAPPENED BETWEEN YOU TWO, BRONTE!
I CAN'T, BECAUSE I CAN'T SAY FOR SURE THAT NOTHING HAPPENED
chuckles

THE WEST
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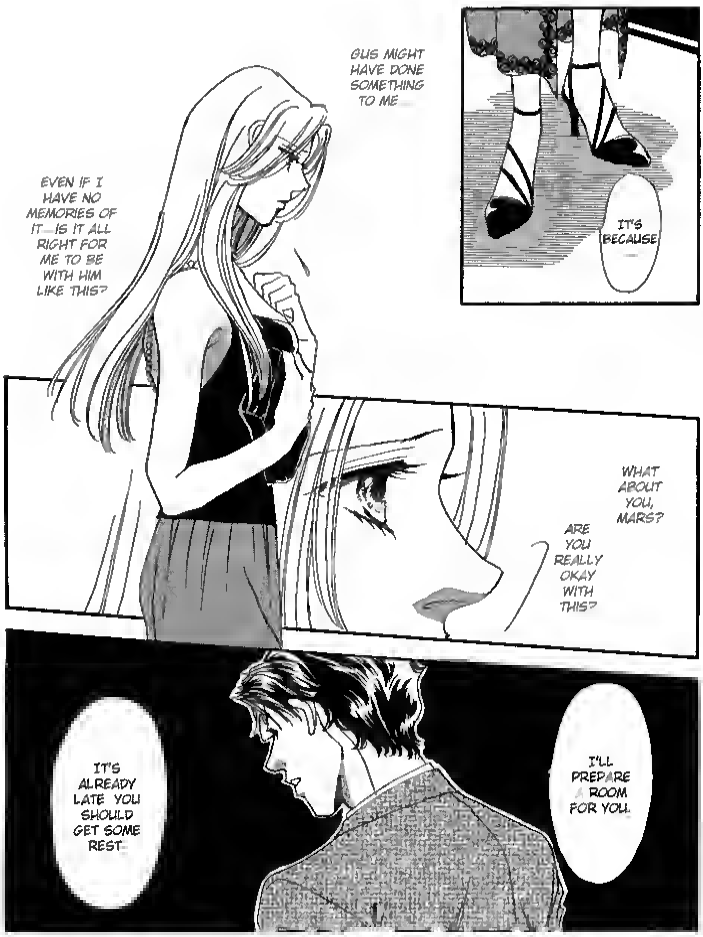
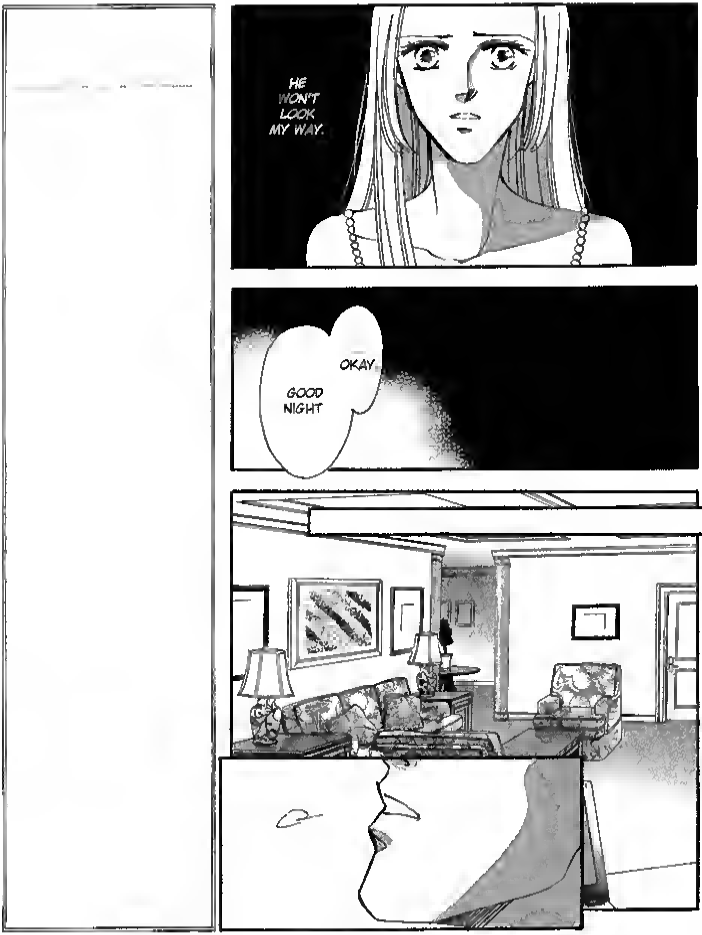
MARS...
IS IT...
ALRIGHT IF I STAY WITH YOU...?
OF COURSE
WHY DO YOU NEED TO ASK?


GUS MIGHT HAVE DONE SOMETHING TO ME...
IT'S BECAUSE...
EVEN IF I HAVE NO MEMORIES OF IT—IS IT ALL RIGHT FOR ME TO BE WITH HIM LIKE THIS?
WHAT ABOUT YOU, MARS?
ARE YOU REALLY OKAY WITH THIS?
I'LL PREPARE A ROOM FOR YOU.
IT'S ALREADY LATE. YOU SHOULD GET SOME REST.


HE WON'T LOOK MY WAY.
OKAY.
GOOD NIGHT

THUMP
SO BRONTE AND GUS...

clatter
squeeze
STOP IT!
IT FEELS AS IF MY BODY IS BEING RIPPED INTO PIECES

SLAM
SO WHAT?
WILL YOUR FEELINGS FOR HER CHANGE BECAUSE OF SOMETHING LIKE THAT?!
NO, IT WON'T!
splash

splash
scrub
scrub
scrub
scrub
scrub
scrub
OW!
WHAT AM I DOING?
IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN ERASE WHAT HAPPENED LAST NIGHT BY DOING THIS...

IF ONLY I COULD TELL MARS THAT,
IT WAS AGAINST MY WILL IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE LOVE I FEEL FOR MARS
EVEN IF IT TURNS OUT THAT SOMETHING HAPPENED WITH ME AND GUS—
—BUT
splash
MARS...!

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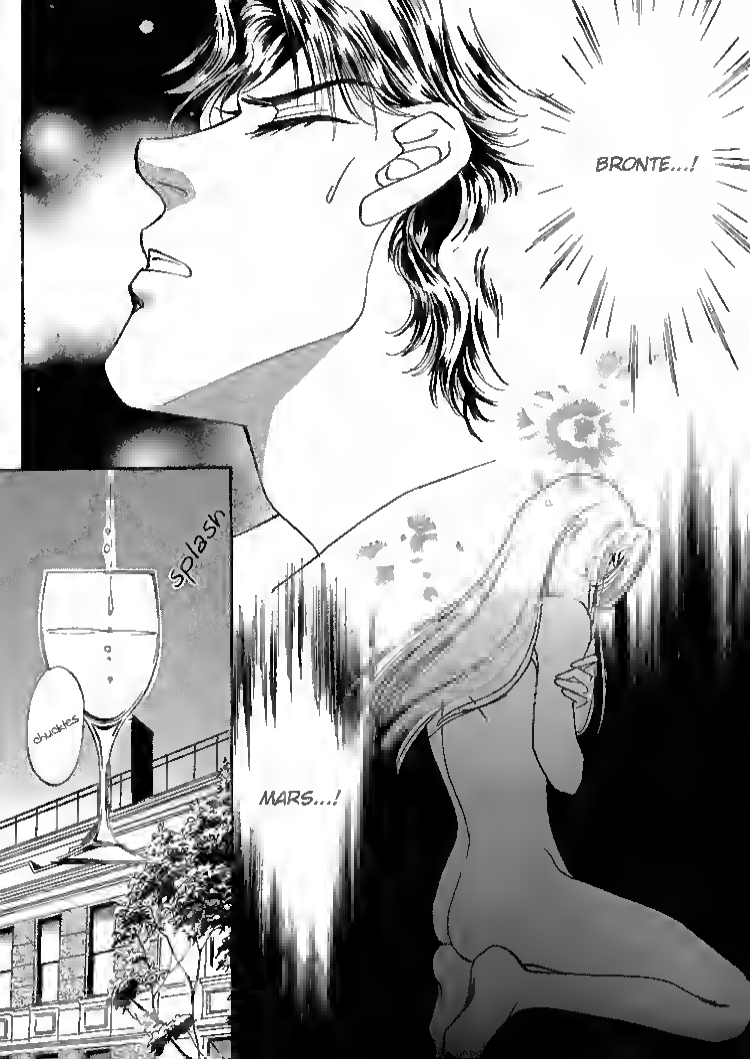
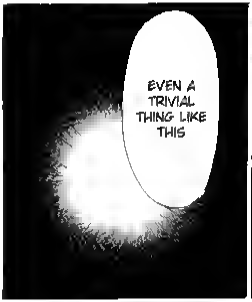
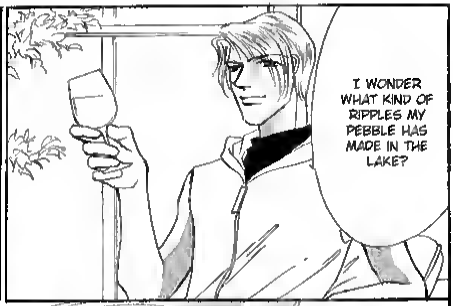
BRON
...
...
EVEN IF MY FEELINGS DON'T CHANGE—
WHAT ABOUT...
BRONTE'S...?

WHO DO I THINK I AM?
WHAT GUARANTEE DO I HAVE THAT BRONTE WILL STILL LOVE ME NO MATTER WHAT?
HA!
I NEVER KNEW I WAS SUCH A COWARD
IN THE END, I'M AN ORPHAN WHO HAD A PROSTITUTE FOR A MOTHER, WHO GREW UP ON THE STREETS,
AND WHO USED MARRIAGE AS A WAY TO GAIN POWER.
I'LL NEVER COMPARE TO A HOLLYWOOD STAR WHO WAS BORN WITH A SILVER SPOON IN HIS MOUTH!

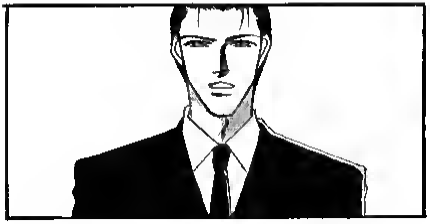
WHAT'S WRONG? KNOCK ON THE DOOR! TAKE HER INTO YOUR ARMS!
BRONTE ISN'T THE TYPE OF WOMAN WHOSE FEELINGS WOULD CHANGE OVER SOMETHING LIKE THIS
GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF!
BRON...
TELL HER THAT YOU LOVE HER, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENED!
DAMN-IT...

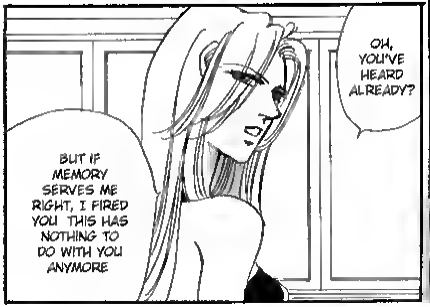

BRONTE...!
splash
chuckles
MARS...!


EVEN A TRIVIAL THING LIKE THIS


I WONDER WHAT KIND OF RIPPLES MY PEBBLE HAS MADE IN THE LAKE?

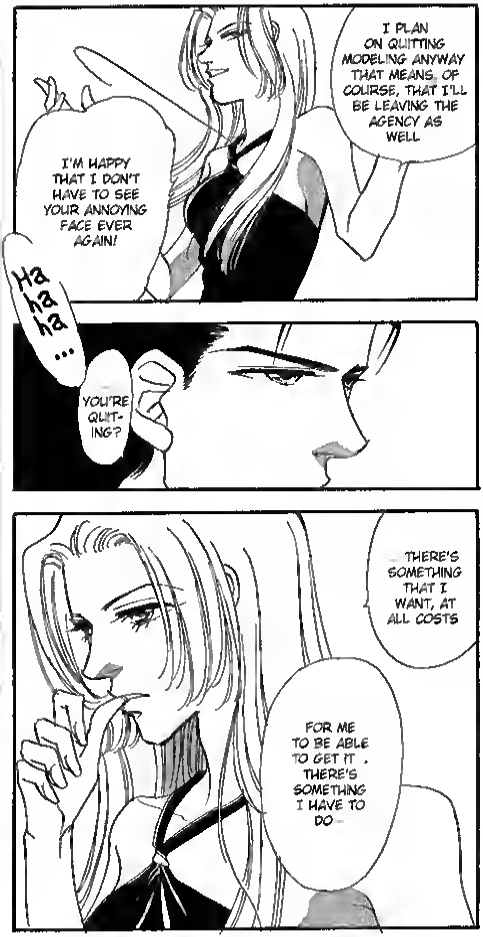
ENDS UP CREATING THE BIGGEST OF WAVES
THE DEEPER THEIR LOVE FOR EACH OTHER IS....
HAHAHA HA....

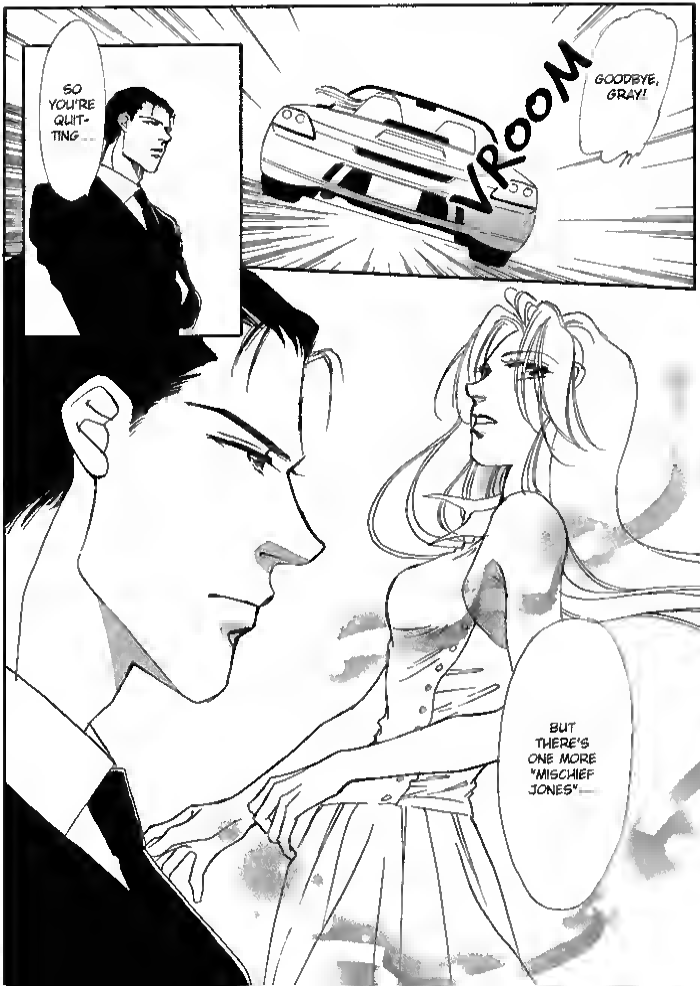


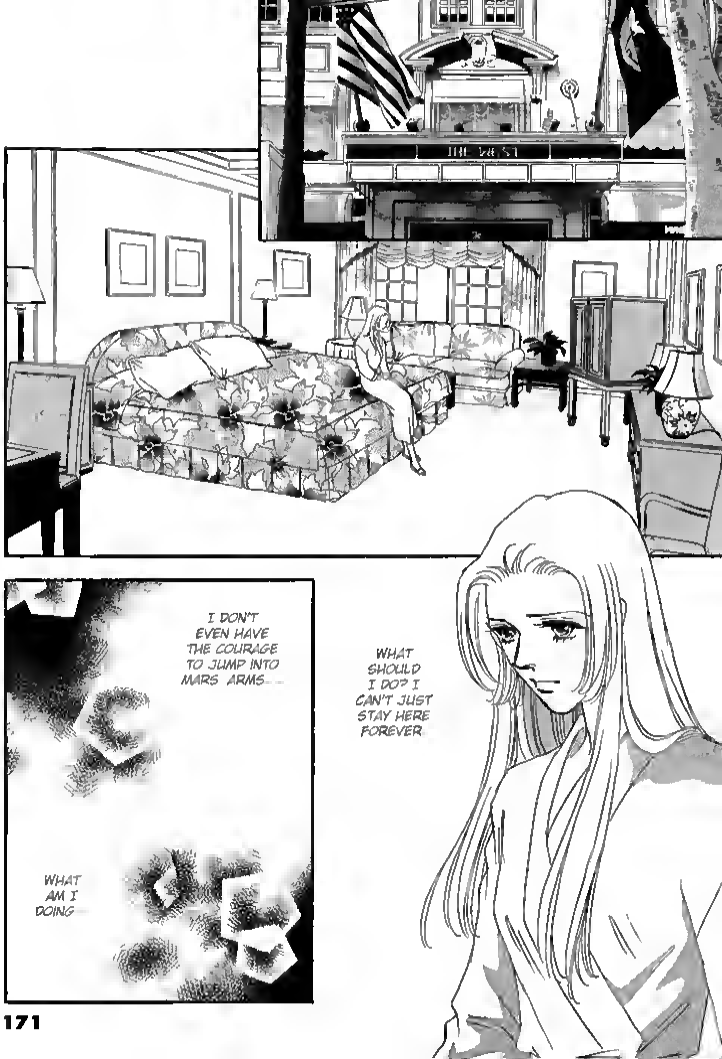

OH, YOU'VE HEARD ALREADY?
BUT IF MEMORY SERVES ME RIGHT, I FIRED YOU. THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU ANYMORE

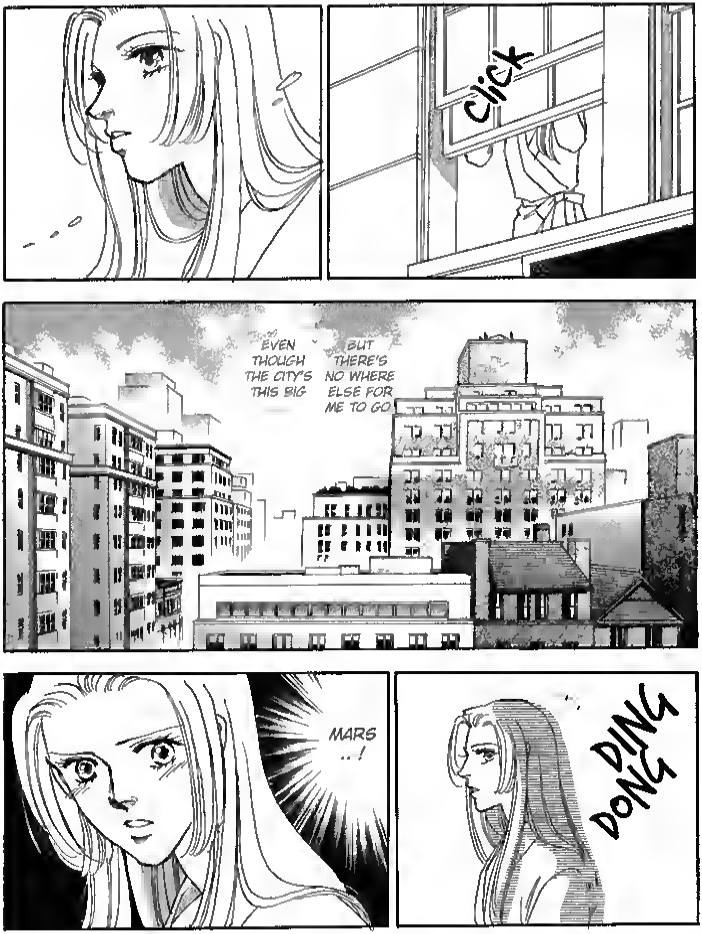
IT SEEMS TONY MCGRAY HAS BEEN ARRESTED

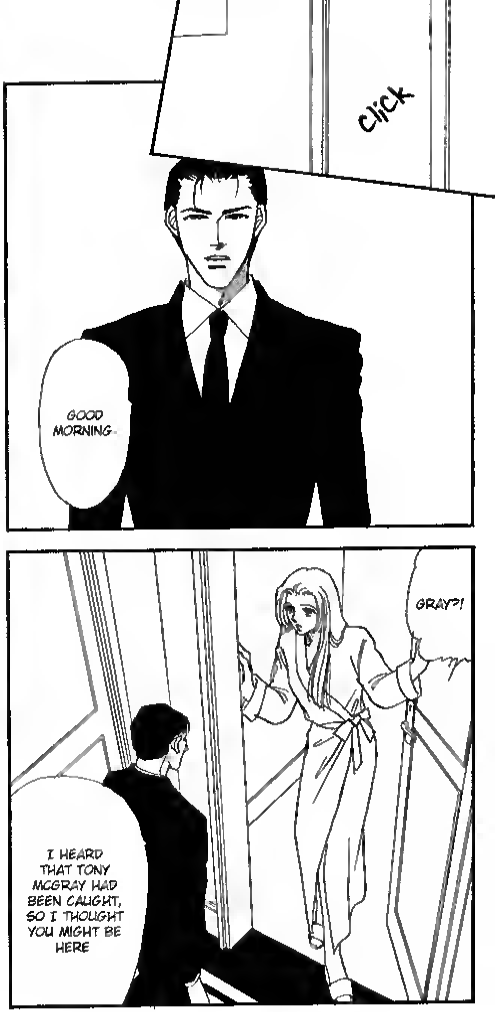
I'VE BEEN TOLD TO COME HERE BY THE AGENCY.
SINCE I HAVE EXPERIENCE HANDLING INFORMATION THAT GETS TO THE MEDIA.
THERE'S NO NEED!


I PLAN ON QUITTING MODELING ANYWAY THAT MEANS, OF COURSE, THAT I'LL BE LEAVING THE AGENCY AS WELL
I'M HAPPY THAT I DON'T HAVE TO SEE YOUR ANNOYING FACE EVER AGAIN!
Ha ha ha...
YOU'RE QUIT-ING?
...THERE'S SOMETHING THAT I WANT, AT ALL COSTS
FOR ME TO BE ABLE TO GET IT . THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO DO—

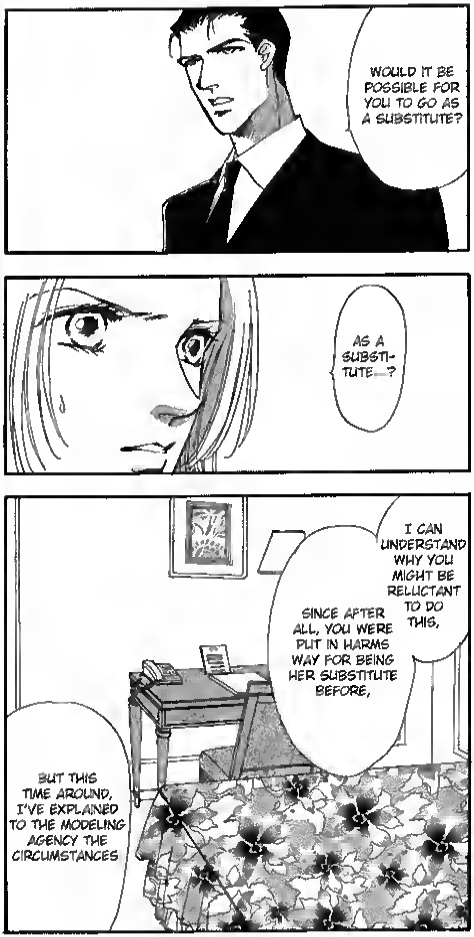

SO YOU'RE QUITTING...
VROOM
GOODBYE, GRAY!
BUT THERE'S ONE MORE "MISCHIEF JONES"...


I DON'T EVEN HAVE THE COURAGE TO JUMP INTO MARS' ARMS...
WHAT AM I DOING...
WHAT SHOULD I DO? I CAN'T JUST STAY HERE FOREVER


CLICK
EVEN THOUGH THE CITY'S THIS BIG
BUT THERE'S NO WHERE ELSE FOR ME TO GO
MARS ..!
DING DONG


CLICK
GOOD MORNING.
GRAY?!
I HEARD THAT TONY MCGRAY HAD BEEN CAUGHT, SO I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE HERE

OH...?
I CAME BECAUSE THERE'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO ASK OF YOU.
WHAT?!
MISCHIEF QUIT MODELING?!
HOWEVER, THERE'S A PHOTO SHOOT THAT CAN'T BE CANCELLED TODAY
BUT THIS TIME IT APPEARS THAT SHE IS SERIOUS ABOUT QUITTING
I'M USED TO HER SELF-CENTERED WAYS,


WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO GO AS A SUBSTITUTE?
AS A SUBSTI-TUTE...?
I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY YOU MIGHT BE RELUCTANT TO DO THIS,
SINCE AFTER ALL, YOU WERE PUT IN HARMS WAY FOR BEING HER SUBSTITUTE BEFORE,
BUT THIS TIME AROUND, I'VE EXPLAINED TO THE MODELING AGENCY THE CIRCUMSTANCES

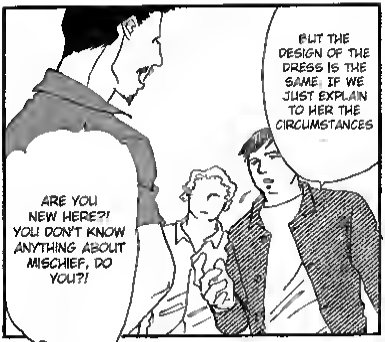
"..."
"HELP"...?
PLEASE HELP US
WHAT SHOULD I DO...? I KIND OF FEEL
FLATTERED THOUGH
THAT SOMEONE WOULD ASK ME FOR HELP
NO YOU CAN'T. YOU SHOULDN'T JUST TRUST SOMEBODY RIGHT AWAY
—BUT STILL...

OKAY, I'LL DO IT.

HE'LL BE WORRIED IF I JUST LEAVE SUDDENLY...
BUT BEFORE I GO, I NEED TO CHECK IN WITH MARS
RING RING
RING RING
BUT OH, I CAN'T GO OUT DRESSED LIKE THIS
CLICK

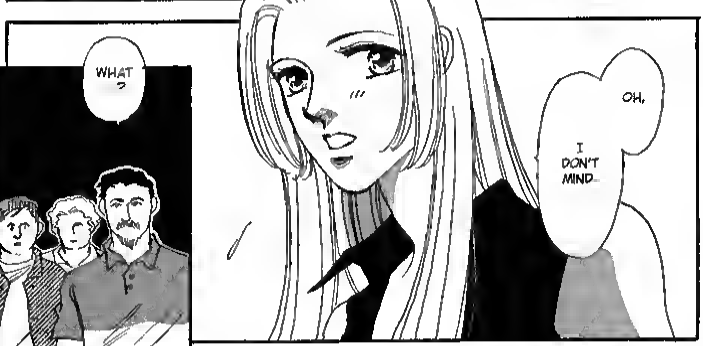
RING
RING
—HE'S NOT ANSWERING

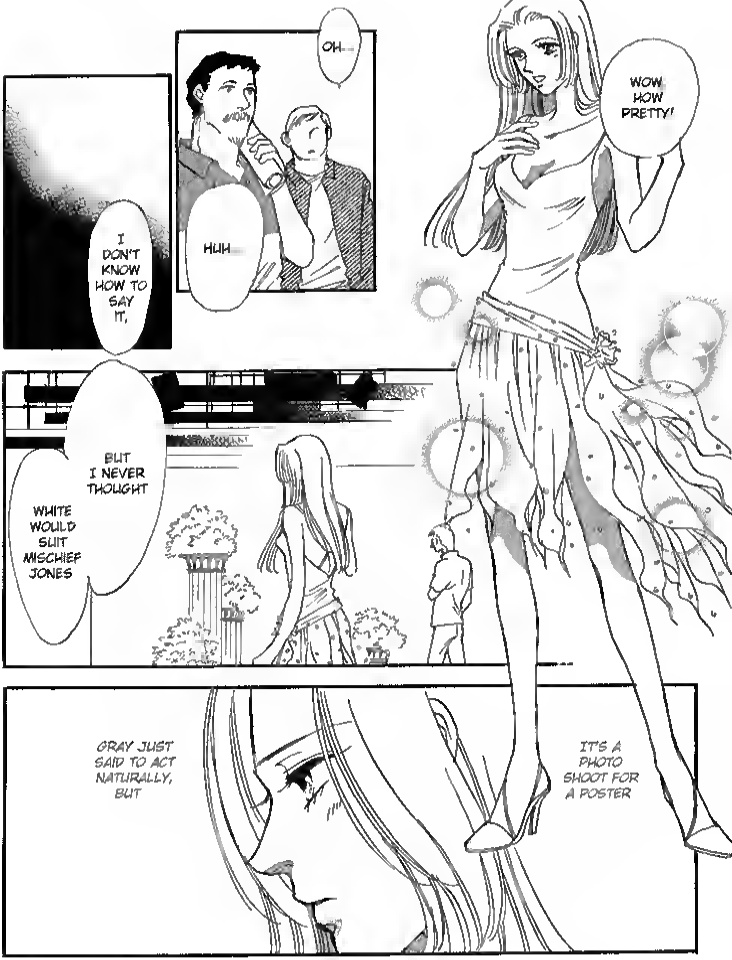
I WONDER WHAT BRONTE'S DOING...?
I TURNED OUT TO BE A MAN OF SUCH LOW SELF-CONFIDENCE...
HOW PATHETIC!
DAMN-IT...
WHAT IS THIS?!


BUT THE DESIGN OF THE DRESS IS THE SAME. IF WE JUST EXPLAIN TO HER THE CIRCUMSTANCES
ARE YOU NEW HERE?! YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT MISCHIEF, DO YOU?!

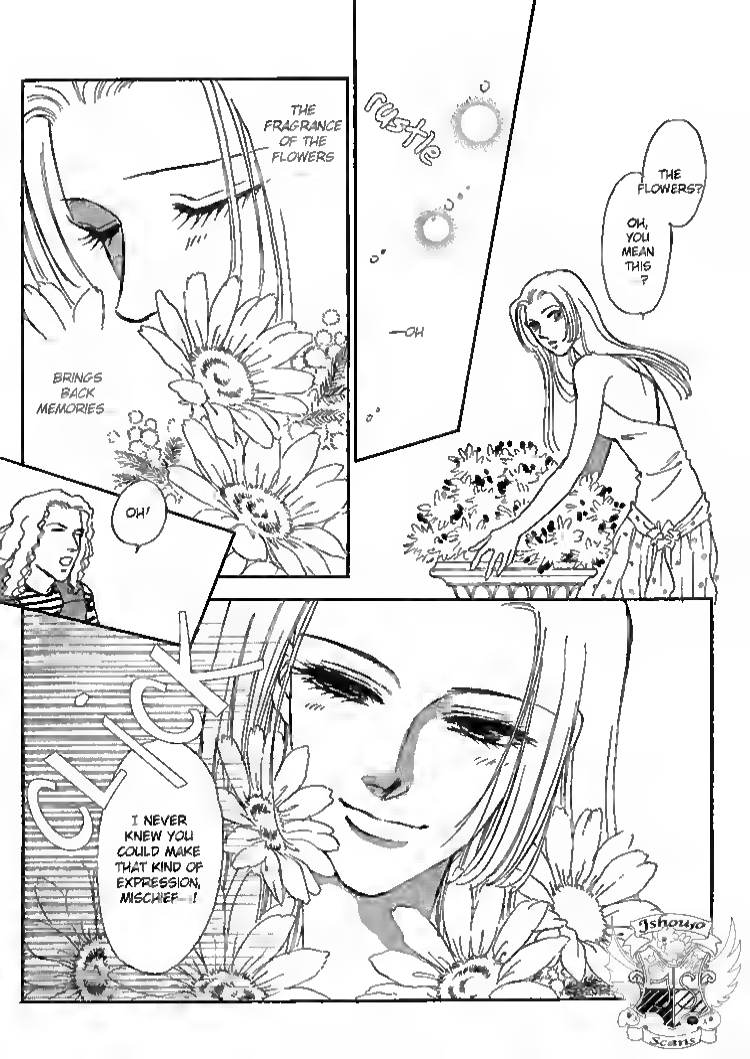
WHITE?!
THE DRESS TO BE PREPARED FOR HER WAS SUPPOSED TO BE BLACK!
I-I'M SORRY. THERE MUST HAVE BEEN SOME KIND OF MIX-UP...

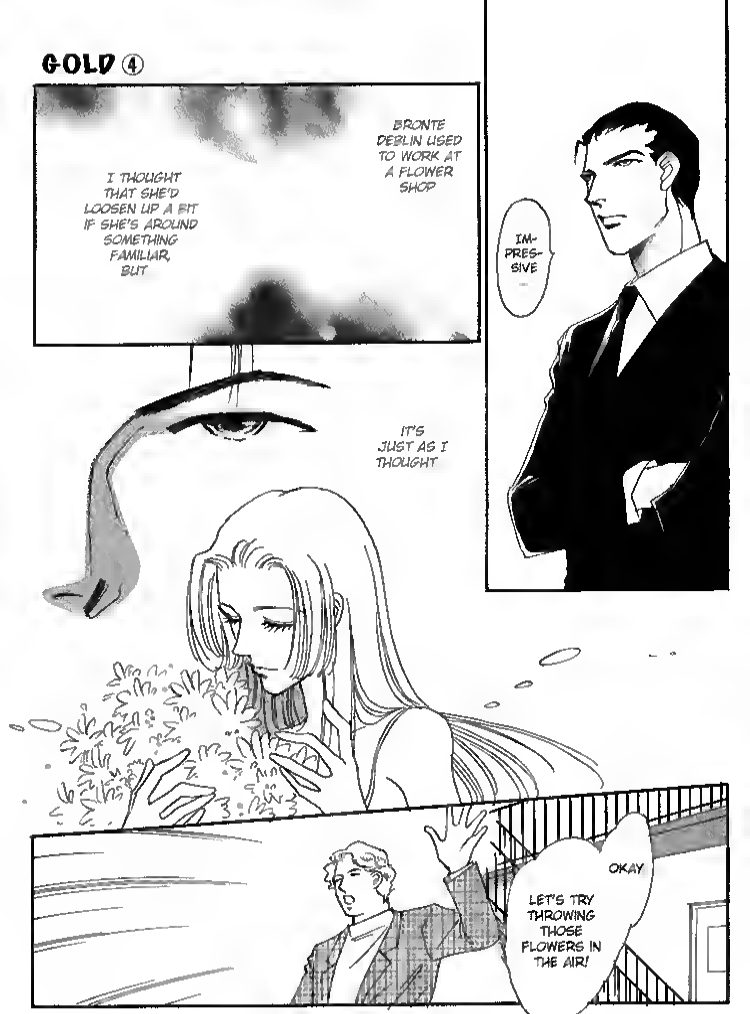
SHE'S A DIVA WHO'LL REFUSE TO DO ANYTHING THAT SHE HASN'T ALREADY AGREED TO DO!


OH, I DON'T MIND...
WHAT?


I DON'T KNOW HOW TO SAY IT.
HUH...
OH...
WOW. HOW PRETTY!
WHITE WOULD SUIT MISCHIEF JONES
BUT I NEVER THOUGHT
GRAY JUST SAID TO ACT NATURALLY, BUT
IT'S A PHOTO SHOOT FOR A POSTER

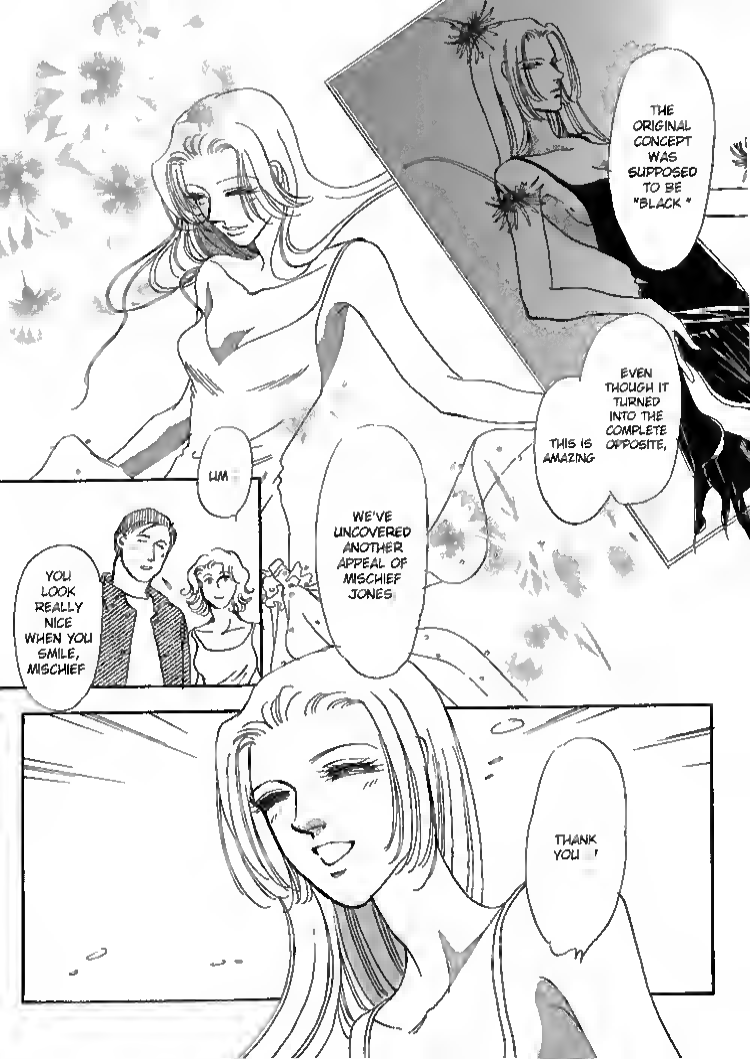
WHAT'S UP, MISCHIEF?
YOU'RE ALL TENSE...
click
click
THIS IS REALLY NERVE-WRACKING THIS IS MY FIRST TIME EVER DOING SOMETHING LIKE THIS
M-MIS-CHIEF...
LET'S TRY CARRYING THE FLOWER SET.
IT'LL WORK...
JUST TRY IT.
WHAT?
whisper whisper

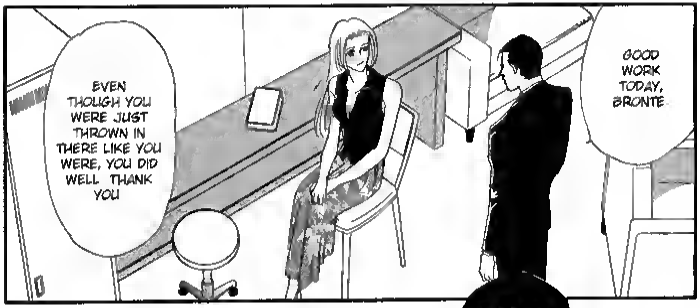

THE FLOWERS?
OH, YOU MEAN THIS?
rustle
—OH
THE FRAGRANCE OF THE FLOWERS
BRINGS BACK MEMORIES...
OH!
CLICK
I NEVER KNEW YOU COULD MAKE THAT KIND OF EXPRESSION, MISCHIEF—!
Ashouyo Scans

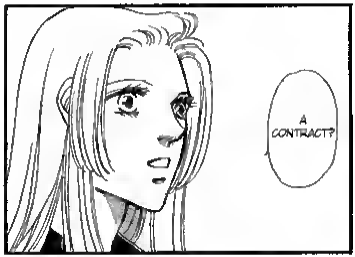

BRONTE DEBLIN USED TO WORK AT A FLOWER SHOP
I THOUGHT THAT SHE'D LOOSEN UP A BIT IF SHE'S AROUND SOMETHING FAMILIAR, BUT
IT'S JUST AS I THOUGHT
IM-PRES-SIVE
OKAY
LET'S TRY THROWING THOSE FLOWERS IN THE AIR!

IT'S RAINING FLOWERS!

OOHH!
murmur
IS THAT REALLY MISCHIEF?
I'VE NEVER SEEN HER LIKE THIS.
WHAT AN INTERESTING SUBJECT TO WORK WITH!
SMIRKS


THE ORIGINAL CONCEPT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE "BLACK"
EVEN THOUGH IT TURNED INTO THE COMPLETE OPPOSITE,
THIS IS AMAZING
UM
WE'VE UNCOVERED ANOTHER APPEAL OF MISCHIEF JONES
YOU LOOK REALLY NICE WHEN YOU SMILE, MISCHIEF
THANK YOU!

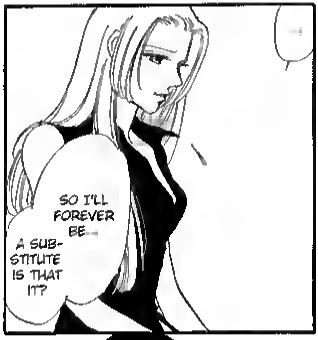

GOOD WORK TODAY, BRONTE
EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE JUST THROWN IN THERE LIKE YOU WERE, YOU DID WELL. THANK YOU


A CONTRACT?

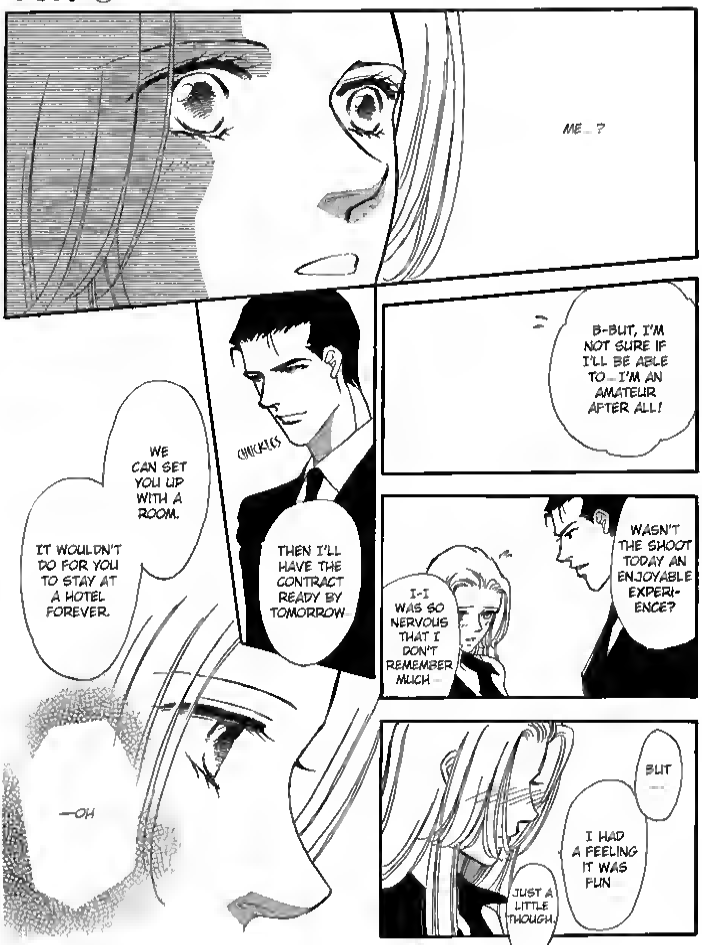
IT'LL MEAN THAT YOU'LL KEEP WORKING AS "MISCHIEF JONES"

HOW ABOUT IT?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO SIGN A CONTRACT TO WORK AS A MODEL AT OUR MODELING AGENCY?

JUST IN NAME
THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO CHANGE YOUR PERSONALITY TO BE LIKE HER.


SO I'LL FOREVER BE... A SUB-STITUTE IS THAT IT?

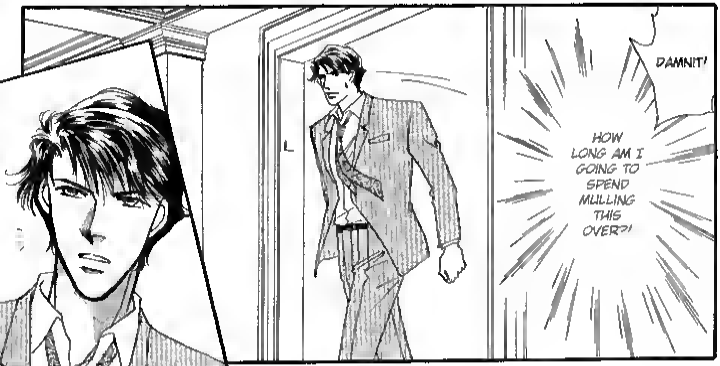
HAVE CONFIDENCE IN YOURSELF
I'LL BE IN CHARGE OF PRODUCING YOU.
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS BE YOURSELF.

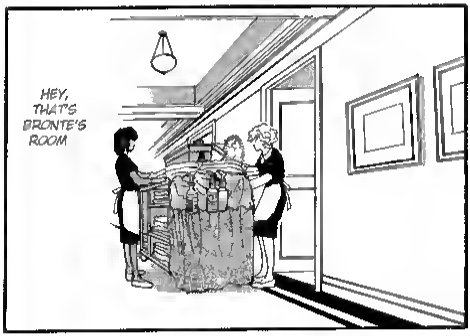

ME...?
B-BUT, I'M NOT SURE IF I'LL BE ABLE TO... I'M AN AMATEUR AFTER ALL!
CHUCKLES
WE CAN SET YOU UP WITH A ROOM.
IT WOULDN'T DO FOR YOU TO STAY AT A HOTEL FOREVER.
THEN I'LL HAVE THE CONTRACT READY BY TOMORROW.
WASN'T THE SHOOT TODAY AN ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE?
I-I WAS SO NERVOUS THAT I DON'T REMEMBER MUCH...
—OH
BUT...
I HAD A FEELING IT WAS FUN...
JUST A LITTLE THOUGH.

MARS —
HE'S RIGHT I CAN'T RELY ON MARS FOREVER.
"YOU WERE ADORABLE LAST NIGHT"
A SMALL THORN IS DIGGING INTO BOTH OUR HEARTS,
WHEN WILL THE DAY COME WHEN I CAN LOOK YOU STRAIGHT IN THE FACE AGAIN?

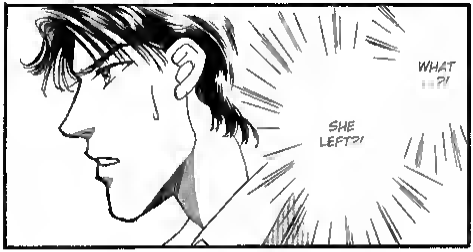
SLAM
exhale
—BRONTE
WELCOME BACK
ANYTHING NEW?
NOT PARTICULARLY.

IT WOULD BE A LIE TO SAY I'M OKAY WITH THE THOUGHT OF HER HAVING BEEN WITH SOMEONE ELSE.
BUT IF
IF BRONTE'S FEELINGS FOR ME HAVEN'T CHANGED...


DAMNIT!
HOW LONG AM I GOING TO SPEND MULLING THIS OVER?!


HEY, THAT'S BRONTE'S ROOM

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WHAT?! O-OH—
THE CUSTOMER JUST LEFT, SO—


WHAT—?!
SHE LEFT?!

BRONTE —!

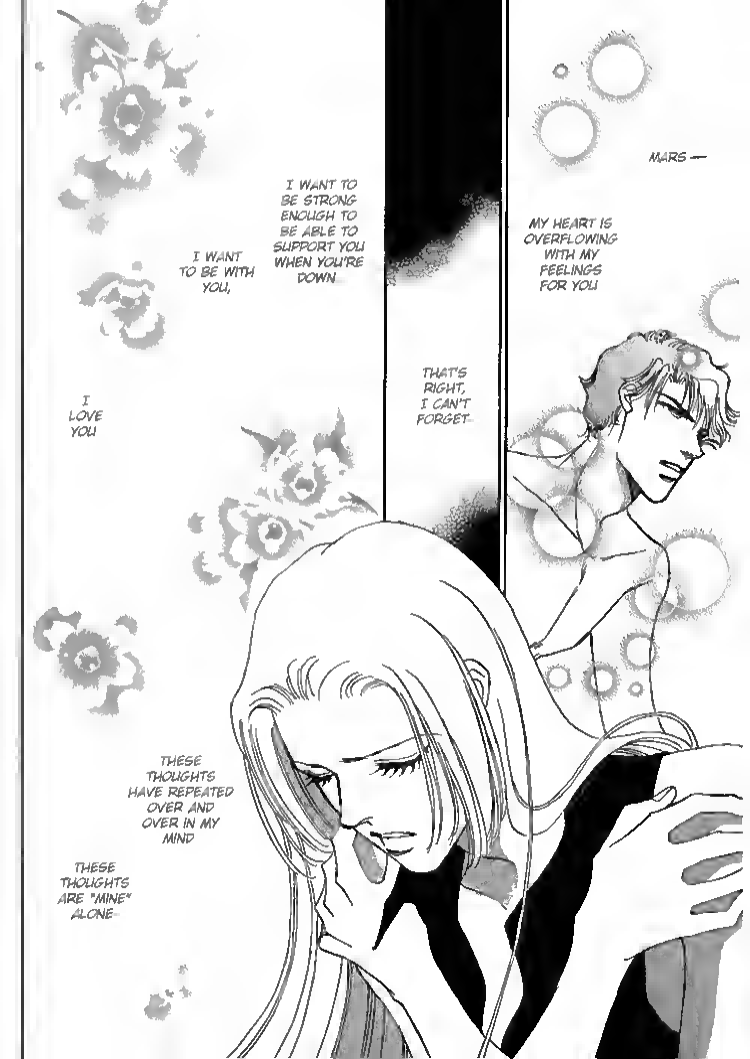
WHAT AM I DOING...?
ARE YOU REALLY SURE THIS IS OKAY?
YES, I LOVE IT.

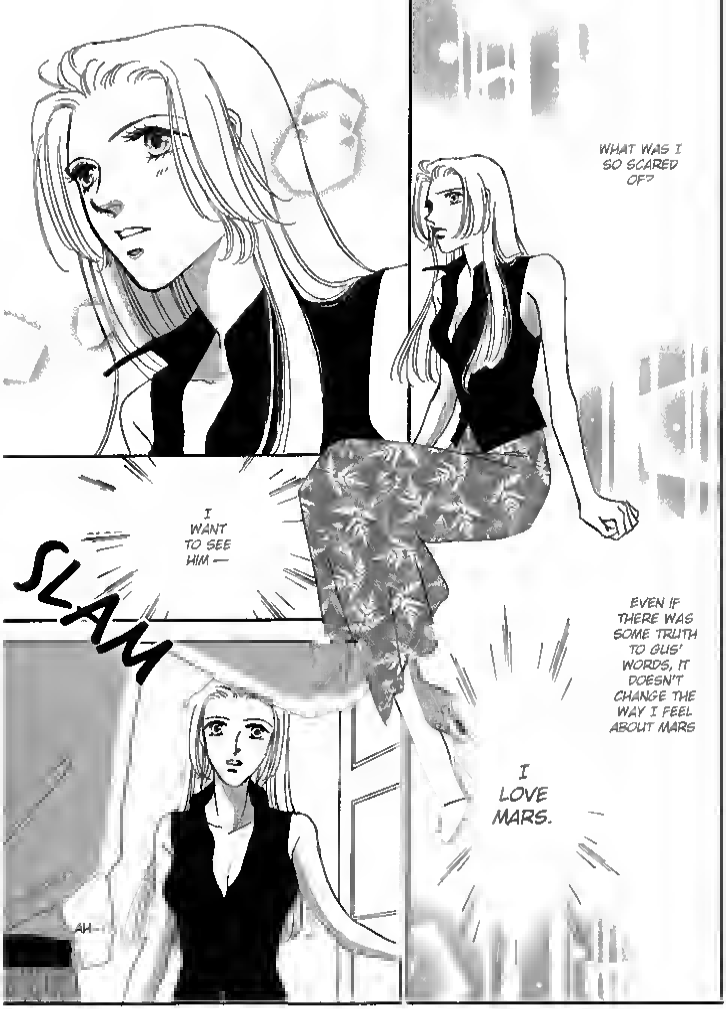
I'M JUST SURPRISED I'M ABLE TO LIVE IN MANHATTAN AT ALL
IT'S A SMALL LIVING ROOM, AND THERE'S ONLY ONE BEDROOM,
BUT THIS IS ALL THAT I CAN AFFORD
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED
A ROOM TO CALL MY OWN
THE MODELING AGENCY CAN COVER YOUR RENT, SO IF YOU'D PREFER ANOTHER PLACE—
NO, THAT WON'T DO

A PLACE WHERE I CAN ALWAYS GO BACK TO
THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING, GRAY
WELL, I BETTER LET YOU GO
HELLO?

MY OWN ROOM
THIS IS WHERE I CAN START OVER
sigh
"HAVE MORE CONFIDENCE IN YOURSELF."
"ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS BE YOURSELF."
AS LONG AS I ACT LIKE MYSELF
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO WHEN I'M USING SOMEONE ELSE'S NAME?

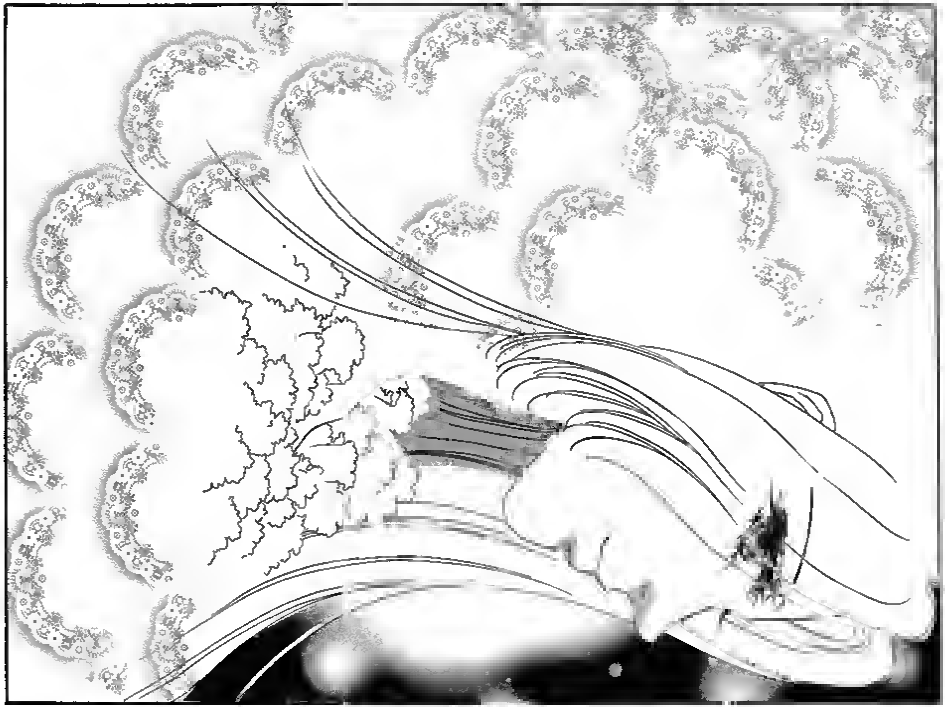
OH...


MARS —
MY HEART IS OVERFLOWING WITH MY FEELINGS FOR YOU.
I WANT TO BE STRONG ENOUGH TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT YOU WHEN YOU'RE DOWN.
I WANT TO BE WITH YOU,
THAT'S RIGHT, I CAN'T FORGET.
I LOVE YOU.
THESE THOUGHTS HAVE REPEATED OVER AND OVER IN MY MIND.
THESE THOUGHTS ARE "MINE" ALONE.


WHAT WAS I SO SCARED OF?
I WANT TO SEE HIM —
SLAM
EVEN IF THERE WAS SOME TRUTH TO GUS' WORDS, IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE WAY I FEEL ABOUT MARS
I LOVE MARS.
AH—

MARS...!
SMILES
YOU SAVED ME FROM HAVING TO KNOCK ON THE DOOR
wheeze
wheeze
Ishouya Scans

Gold



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